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*	CALEDONIA	7558	E. H. Gordon	19th "
M.	EGYPT	7922	G. L. Langborne	26th "
M.	ARABIA	7903	J. L. Parfit	2nd Feb.
M.	CALEDONIA	7558	E. H. Gordon	9th "
*	PERSIA	7900	W. A. Wheler	16th "
M.	PENINSULAR	5287	T. Leigh	23rd "
*	INDIA	7911	W. D. G. Worcester	2nd Mar.
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ORDINARY ORIGINAL CIVIL JURISDICTION.

SUIT NO. 867 OF 1900.

1. FRAMROZE RUSTOMJI JOSHI, residing in Bombay, Parsi;
2. JANARDHAN DAMODHAR KOLATKAR, residing in Bombay, Hindu;
3. JOSEPH FRANCIS PEREIRA, residing at Bandora Portuguese.
4. WILLIAM ALMON, residing in Bombay, European;
5. FREDERICK CHARLES BREWIN, residing in Bombay, European, and
6. BALKRISHNA NILAJI PITALE, Bombay, Hindu, the 1st named being the Chairman and the others the members of the Managing Committee of the Bombay Uncovenanted Service Family Pension Fund on behalf of themselves and all members other than the Defendant of the said Fund. } Plaintiffs.

vs.

JOAO FELICIANO VAZ residing at Girgaum, Bombay, Portuguese inhabitant..... Defendant.

UNDER Section 30 of the Code of Civil Procedure Notice is hereby given to all Members of the Bombay Uncovenanted Service Family Pension Fund other than the Defendant that the Plaintiffs above-named have instituted this suit against the Defendant praying:—

(a) Judgment against the Defendant for Rs. 12,683-0-8 and interest at the rate of 6 per cent. per annum on the various sums making up the same from the dates upon which such sums were received by the Defendant and misappropriated or not accounted for by him.

(b) That the Defendant may be ordered to pay the costs of this suit.

(c) Such further and other relief as the case may require.

The writ of Summons herein is made returnable for Tuesday the 15th day of January 1901.—Dated this 20th day of December 1900.

L. N. BANAJI,
Prothonotary.

The Seal of the High Court.

D. B. BINING.
The 20th day of Dec. 1900.

Messrs. CRAWFORD BROWN & Co.,
Plaintiffs' Attorneys.

SHERIFF'S PROCLAMATION.

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY.

ORDINARY ORIGINAL CIVIL JURISDICTION.

SUIT NO. 332 OF 1897.

ISMAIL HAJEE IBRAHIM JINIA, of Bombay, Mahomedan, residing at Nagleey Street, outside the Fort..... Plaintiff

vs.

1 ISMAIL EBRAHIMJI, 2 ESSAK KASSUM MAMSA and 3 ESMAIL ESSAC MAMSA, the son of the said 2nd Defendant, all of Bombay, Mahomedans, residing at new Memon Wada Street, alias Gowlee Monalla out side the Fort..... Defendants,

AND

In the matter of KHUNDERAO MOROJEE and SHRIPAD KHUNDERAO, Attorneys at law, High Court.

vs.

ISMAIL EBRAHIMJEE.

Whereas by an order made in the above suit on the 16th day of December, 1899, it was ordered interalia that the Defendants ISMAIL EBRAHIMJEE and HAJI ISMAIL HAJI ESSAC should pay to Messrs. KHUNDERAO and SHRIPAD their Attorneys the sum of Rs. 984-8-0 being the balance of their taxed bill of costs in the above Suit.

And whereas by a warrant of Sale dated the 13th day of September, 1900, the Sheriff of Bombay was directed to SELL all the right title and interest of the Defendants Ismail Ebrahimji in the lands and premises in the said warrant mentioned that is to say:—All the right, title and interest of the first Defendant Ismail Ebrahimji in all that piece or parcel of Farazdari ground with the hereditaments and premises standing thereon situate, lying and being without the Fort of Bombay at Memon Wada Street, in the Registration Sub-district of Bombay assessed by the Municipality of Bombay under old No. 9, and New Street No. 1-3, and B ward No. 631 containing by admeasurement 79 square yards be the same, a little more or less and bounded on the East by the Memon Wada Road aforesaid, on the West by the sweeper's passage, on the North by the house of Essack Kassum Mamsa, and on the South by the property of Dawood Sulliman. The said first Defendant is entitled to 22-64 Share in the property herein before described and the said property is not registered in the books of the Collector of Land Revenue, Bombay.

Now it is hereby proclaimed and notified that on Wednesday, the 23rd day of January, 1901, at the hour of 3-30 o'clock in the afternoon the Sheriff of Bombay will under and by virtue of the said warrant of sale put up for SALE by PUBLIC AUCTION on the premises to the Highest bidder and without reserve the right title and interest of the said Defendants in the said lands and premises or in so much thereof as may be necessary for the satisfaction of the said decree costs of previous execution and of the warrant of sale.

The following is a list of the rights, charges and claims to which the said lands and premises are supposed to be liable:—

The claim of Mariambai and Haji Ismail Haji Essack to shares in the premises the interest wherein of the Defendants is now being sold.

The claim of Mahomed Ismail Mamsa under a deed of assignment dated the 16th August, 19060 of all the right title and interest of Ebrahim Assub Patel under and equitable mortgage of 27th December, 1898.

Intimation is given that the Court does not warrant the correctness of the above description of the premises nor the title of the said Defendant to the same or to any interest herein.

Should the said Defendants or no saleable interest whatever in the lot to be sold in accordance with this proclamation any sum paid by the purchaser by way of full or part payment for the same will be repayable to the purchaser.

The abovementioned Messrs. Khunderao and Shripad have not obtained permission to bid at the sale.

Of the price of the lot one-fourth shall be paid forth with when the lot is knocked down to a purchaser the remainder of the purchase money must be paid by the purchaser to the Sheriff on or before the fifteenth day after the sale.

The sale will not become absolute until confirmed by the Court.

In default of payment in whole or in part as above prescribed, any sum paid as deposit will be forfeited to the Government and the lot will be sold free from any interest therein or in the proceeds there of the prior purchaser.

For further informat on and conditions of sale application should be made at the office of the Sheriff.—Dated this 21st day of December, 1900.

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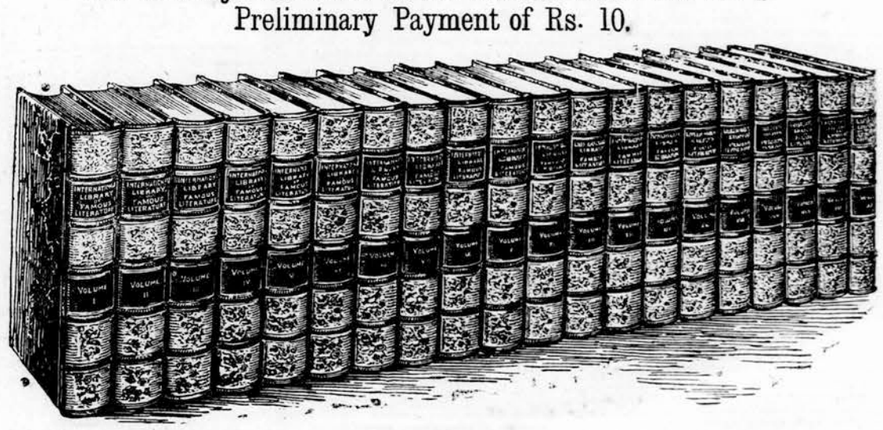

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FRIDAY EVENING, DEC. 21.

2 3-4 per cent Consols.....£ 97 3-16—1-8
3 per cent Rentes .....£101 (ex) plus 1-4
3 1-2 per cent. Sterling Loan.....£108 unchanged.
3 1-2 per cent. Govt. Securities ....£94 1-8—1-8
Bar Silver in London.....29 1-2—1-8
Do New York .....63 7-8—1-4
Exchange on London at Paris ....259 1-2 unchanged.
Do New York .....484 1-4 do.
Discount, Bank of England .....4 do.
Do Short London Bills .... 4 1-8 do.
Do Indian Bank Bills .....4 1-8 do.
Extra Allotments of Council.
Bills on Bombay for Rs. 10,000 at 1s. 4 3-32d.
Transfers on Bombay for Rs. 200,000 at 1s. 4 5-32d.
Freight on coals Cardiff to Bombay 17s.

BANK OF ENGLAND.

Bank of England returns for the week ending 19th instant show the following results :—

Total Bullion.....	£ 30,100,000	Dec.	£ 1,000,000
Public Deposits.....	,, 7,300,000	Dec.	,, 700,000
Other	,, 38,000,000	Dec.	,, 1,000,000
Other Securities	,, 28,700,000	Inc.	,, 1,700,000
Notes and Gold.....	,, 18,300,000	Dec.	,, 1,300,000

The Bank's reserve is 40 per cent. of the liabilities.

PAPER CURRENY.

The following abstract shows the accounts of the Department of Issue of Paper Currency on the 7th December 1900 :—

Total amount of notes in circulation-

	In reserve Treasuries	Elsewhere.	Total.
Calcutta.....	Rs 44,40,000	11,76,94,000	12,21,34,000
Allahabad..	,, ...	1,17,10,700	1,17,10,700
Lahore	,, ...	2,13,76,305	2,13,76,305
Bombay	,, 48,44,135	6,74,39,790	7,22,83,925
Karachi	,, ...	98,12,075	98,12,075
Madras	1,04,030	3 13 54,940	3,15,19,000
Calicut	,, ...	11,83,415	11,83,415
Rangoon ...	,, ...	1,02,33,945	1,02,33,945
Total ...	Rs. 94,48,195	27,03,05,170	28 02,53,365

Deduct.—Withdrawn from circulation by Foreign Circles and in course of remittance to Circles of Issue..... Rs. 11,71,615
Unexamined notes at Allahabad..... ,, 70 000
Total... Rs. 27,90,11,750
Reserve in Coin and Bullion.

	Silver.	Coin	Silver held as security for notes under Act VIII of 1900.	Gold.	Total.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	
Calcutta...	1,50 77,312		7,79,183	3,57,91,009	5,16,47,504
Allahabad	44,08,950		...	17,98,155	62,07,105
Lahore	20,4 ,275		...	14 41 425	40,85,700
Bombay ..	1 2 74 500		1,17,54,703	7 20 80,000	9,70,83,295
Karachi...	15 81 905		...	13 43 325	29 25,230
Madras ...	39,08,345		...	14 01,150	53 72,495
Calicut	4 38 170		...	1,33 530	5 71,700
Rangoon..	1,11 05,790		...	10 28,985	1,21,33,875
Total ..	5,14,49,149		1,25,33,886	11 50,28,709	17,90,11,804

Price paid for Government Securities of the nominal value of Rs. 10 20,81 500 held under section 19 of the Indian Paper Currency Act XX of 1882.. Rs 9,99,99,946
GrantTotal Rs. 27,90,11,750

GOLD AND SILVER.

The following statement shews the imports into and exports from Bombay of Treasure from Foreign Countries for the week :—

	Imports. Rs.	Exports. Rs.
Gold Coins.....	247,500	16,50,451
Gold Bullion.....	1,598	...
Silver Coins.....	225,556	2,421
Silver Bullion.....	93,252	24,80,542

Besides the above Government have imported Silver Bars of the value of Rs. 10,50,000 and exported Gold Bars valued at Rs. 30,01,296.

CROP AND TRADE PROSPECTS.

The crop reports received from the various Districts of the Bombay Presidency are not very encouraging, while it is now firmly established that Sholapur, Ahmednagar and parts of Guzerat will have to pass through another severe trial during the coming hot months, though the distress will not perhaps be so acute as it was last year. Meanwhile, Khandeish and Berar Cotton is coming into market in fair quantities. The former sells at an average of Rs. 195 and the latter at Rs. 205 per candy. But so far the quality is better than that of the last crop. The raw staple is clean and the better descriptions only lose between 8 and 12 per cent. Those who can acquire this quality of cotton in considerable quantities will certainly be gainers in the end, for later on it may be possible to have at the same prices, cotton which will show the same percentage of loss. Every particle of waste saved is, of course, so much margin to the credit side of the account. It is thought now that all hopes of Guzerat cotton giving anything more than an eight anna crop, are at an end. The weaving concerns will have less than their normal supply of this particular description. The deficiency will have to be met from other varieties such as Barsi and Compta, and Dharwar saw ginned. But of the two latter, it is doubtful whether the crops will be full this season. The Hoobli district has so far been very poorly. The receipts of cotton into Bombay from 1st October to date amount to 206,599 bales, as compared with 258,205 bales in the same period last year.

The arrivals of Oomras amount to 138,877 bales, while the corresponding receipts last year were only 73,954 bales. The receipts of "Bengals" have up to date reached a total of 45,874 bales, but this is disappointing as compared with last season, when the arrivals, up to the same time, amounted to 112,000 bales. As regards other parts of India, we learn from the official reports that in the Madras Presidency the rainfall has been seasonable and the standing crops are generally in good condition. Bengal has had no rain during the week, but crop prospects are reported to be good. In the North-West Provinces and Oudh spring crops are doing well, and prospects are hopeful. The markets are adequately stocked and fodder is abundant. Harvesting of autumn crops continues in the various districts of the Punjab, where cotton is being picked and sugarcane pressed. Sowings have been completed in some neighbourhoods, and are going on in other districts. The condition and prospects of standing crops are generally reported good in the Central Provinces. Spring crops in the Jubbulpore and Nerbudda Divisions have been much benefited by the rain, but in the south and east of the Provinces, where no rain fell, the cloudy weather induced insects which have caused damage to pulse and linseed. The price of wheat is fairly steady; rice has cheapened materially, and the price of juar is easier in the Nagpore country. In Berar the picking of cotton is well in hand, but the winter crop is reported to be withering in places. Agricultural operations are progressing satisfactorily in the districts of Rajputana and the crops, where still standing, are generally in good condition. In Central India, standing crops and probable outturn are good everywhere.

The Yarn market remains as dull as ever. If anything it has been a shade weaker during the last fortnight, and there are bears enough who think the market may still have a downward tendency in sympathy with the decline in Cotton. This, however, is a somewhat sanguine forecast. It is doubtful whether cotton will show any serious decline—at any rate to such an extent as to cause any material difference between profit and loss. We are still of opinion that the price of cotton will be maintained between Rs. 195 and Rs. 210. The outlook of the pending negotiations in China is still far from cheerful, and judging from the part it is a question when peace may be finally established. Thus, great uncertainty hangs on the near future, which is scarcely an encouraging prospect for exporters of yarn with the advent of the busy season. Cloth is in fair demand and prices are maintained.

EXCHANGE.

The market opened firm on Monday with Bank Wire at 1-4 1-16 and Bank Demand at 1-4 3-32. Credits could be done at 1-2 9-32, but very few bills were offering, and there was very little demand for remittance. On Wednesday the money market was rather tighter, and remittance could be done at 1-4 3-32 for wire and 1s. 4 1-8d. for demand. The rate however did not become general until Thursday. On Thursday afternoon the market was rather quieter, and a rush was in consequence made by the Bazaar for demand at 1s. 4 1-8d. It was met by the Banks at first, but was refused later in the evening. To-day the market is again firm and the rates of 1s. 4 3-32d. wire and 1s. 4 1-8d. for demand, are general. The big Government paper speculator is trying to negotiate a loan, which has no doubt affected the market. For credits all Banks are quoting 1s. 4 11-32d., but few bills come forward at this rate.

We quote:—

Bank Wire	1s. 4 3-32d.
Demand	1s. 4 1-8d.
3 Months' Sight Credits.....	1s. 4 11-32d.
,, ,, Francs.....	171
,, ,, Marks.....	139 3-4
30 Days' Sight, Japan	148
,, ,, Hongkong...	152
,, ,, Shanghai ...	208

GOVERNMENT PAPER.

The market throughout the week has been almost lifeless, with very little business passing. The rate has fluctuated between Rs. 96-3-1 and Rs. 96 for early settlement. Ready Paper being 3 to 4 annas lower. Banks have bought Ready Paper and sold for January settlement, at a difference of four annas, thus securing about 8 to 9 per cent. on their investment. The money market is getting more and more tight. The Bank of Bengal has raised its rate of interest from 6 to 7 per cent, while the Bank of Bombay rate has been increased to 7 per cent. The Surplus Paper in the market is estimated at about 1 1-2 crores, and it is to be seen how the Bulls are going to finance it at time of settlement. To-day one business for 2nd February settlement is reported to have taken place at 2 annas higher than the rate ruling for 4th January. Municipal, Sanitary and Tanna Bonds are quoted at Rs. 119 and Rs. 115, while Port Trust Bonds are reported to have changed hands between Rs. 98 and Rs. 98-4. Three Per Cents are quite neglected at about Rs. 87.

SHARES.

The market may be called lifeless and business dull and drooping. Bank of Bombay shares have declined to Rs. 1,265, while there are sellers of the Bank of Bengal shares at Rs. 1,280. Commercials are quiet at Rs. 65. In railway companies shares, Tapti and Prantej have declined to Rs. 452 1-2 and Rs. 675. Press shares are more or less quiet at the previous quotations. Some transactions in Mofussils and Indians are reported at Rs. 385 and Rs. 150. In miscellaneous shares Bombay-Burmah shares are quiet at Rs. 6,825, while new issues have changed hands at Rs. 1,740, Kamps and Badhams at Rs. 357 and Rs. 159, while there are sellers of Treacher's and Marck's at Rs. 995 and Rs. 156. Telephone shares are in request at Rs. 30. In Mill shares, Central's and Swadeshi's have changed hands at Rs. 1,940 and Rs. 570, while Morarjee's have declined to Rs. 1,460. Leopold are in damand at Rs. 158. Empress shares are quiet at Rs. 240. Petit's are steady at Rs. 1,785. Kohinoor's have changed hands at Rs. 280. David's and Standard's are weak at Rs. 240 and Rs. 250. China's, Carrimbhoy's, and Queen's are also quiet, to-day's rates being Rs. 430, Rs. 580, and Rs. 475 respectively. Other companies' shares have fallen about Rs. 10 to Rs. 20.

FREIGHTS.

After the sharp decline in freights last week, the market has naturally been very dull, and numerous rates having come out, spot rates have further declined and close weaker still.

There is no demand for forward loading, and 13 shillings is quoted as the nominal rate for January-February.

Some business is reported for Dunkirk at 12s. 6d. seeds and 13s. cotton, December shipments. The s. s. City of Lucknow has booked bales at 16s. for Havre and at 14s. 6d. for Hamburg. The s. s. Sirdar has been put on the Dunkirk berth and 13s. is quoted for her, whilst the s. s. Adelina Patti is asking 14s. for Genoa.

We quote :—

Ports.	Wheat.	Seeds or Linseed.	Cotton and Wool.	Jute, Hides, Flax & Cotton.
	READY.		FORWARD	
Liverpool	20 12 0	20 12 6	20 13 0	20 13 0
London	20 10 0	20 10 0	20 10 0	20 13 0
Hull	.....	.....	.....	20 14 0
Hamburg	20 13 0	20 13 6	20 14 0	20 14 6
Antwerp	20 12 0	20 12 6	20 13 0	20 13 0
Dunkirk	20 12 6	20 12 6	20 13 0	20 13 0
Havre	20 13 6	20 13 6	20 14 0	20 13 0
Marseilles	20 10 0	20 10 0	20 12 0	20 12 0
Genoa	20 12 0	20 12 6	20 13 0	20 13 6
Trieste & Venice ...	.....	20 12 0	20 13 0	20 19 0

COTTON MARKET IN BOMBAY.

The demand for ready cotton from exporters and mill buyers has been fairly good during the week. The continued increase in the receipts coupled with a tighter money market have caused holders to meet the market, and the lower rates accepted have helped to increase the turn-over so far as ready cotton is concerned. In forward contracts sellers are not inclined to make much concession and very little business has consequently been done. Shippers apparently find difficulty in selling in Europe at the equivalent of the prices asked by sellers here for forward delivery. The enquiry from exporters for shipments to Japan has improved, and several lots of ready cotton have been bought during the week for shipment to Kobe by the loading steamer. The quality of the cotton arriving from the Berars, and Khandeish continues very satisfactory, both as regards colour and staple but the Bengals coming to hand have much room for improvement. To-day the market is firmer in sympathy with the rise in New York, but the advance asked checks business.

Mr. Henry Neill has such a wonderful record as a forecaster of cotton crop that despite his mistake of last year, whichhe and his firm have acknowledged so handsomely—his estimate for the present crop deserves attention. Writing on November 10 he put the crop at from 9,500,000 to 9,750,000 bales provided there were no early frosts.

Such frosts have since occurred and Mr. Neill subsequently intimated that the 9,750,000 figure had become quite hopeless. Within the last few days, however, the telegraphic intelligence received from Mr. Neill is to the effect that he still looks forward to a crop equivalent to his previous estimate.

The poverty of the crop is attributable to excessive rains in June and July, for which perfect weather in September and October failed to atone.

The official quotations this afternoon, as fixed by the Directors of the Bombay Cotton Trade Association, Limited, are as follows :—

Growths.	Fine. Rs.	F. G. Rs.	Good. Rs.	Delivery.
Bengals, Hand-ginned, Railway terms.....	185	174	166	Dec. 25
Bengals, Machine-ginned, Railway terms	189	179	...	Do
Scind-Punjab Machine-ginned	190	...	...	Jan. 25, 1901.
Bilattee, Machine ginned	199	...	...	Dec. 25
,, Hand-ginned	197	...	..	Do
Khandeish Machine-ginned. ...	193	...	..	Do
Juligaum Machine-ginned...	195	...	..	Do
Akola Machine-ginned	203	...	..	Do
Khamgaum Machine-ginned	208	203	...	Dec. 25.
K. Tanjia Machine-ginned.	208	203	...	Jan. 25, 1901
Comra, Good Staple.....	212	...	...	Dec. 25
Do Do	...	208	...	Jan. 25 1901.
Broach, Machine-ginned.	223	...	220	Dec. 25 to Jan-war, 25
Bhownuggar, Hand-ginned	219	209	...	April-May.
Do Do ...	...	...	196	May 25
Saw-ginned Dharwar	...	...	219	Do.
Western.....	...	...	209	Do

COTTON IN THE HOME MARKETS.

The Liverpool Cotton Market closed firm, Surats were quiet. Manchester was quiet. The total sales were 6,000 bales; sold on speculation and export 500 bales. Imports 12,000 bales. Surats 100 bales, Spot 5 13-32 unchanged. Arrivals closed firm.

Liverpool Futures :—

Dec.	Dec.-Jan.	March-April	June-July.
5'22	5'20	5'12	5'5
plus 3-64	plus 3-64	plus 2-64	plus 2-64

In New York the receipts at the Ports were 28,000 bales. Exports to Great Britain nil, Continent 13,000 bales.

Mid-Uplands ..... 10 1-16 plus 1-16
Futures, month of March..... 9'41 plus 15
,, ,, of June..... 9'33 plus 15

	Fine	F. G.	Good
Broach	5 18-32	5 10-32	5 6-32
Bhownuggur	4 20-32	4 14 32	4 10-32
Do. M. G. ...	4 20-32	.....	.....
Oomras	4 20-32	4 14-32	4 10-32
Do. M. G.	4 30-32	.....	4 26-32
Betatl	4 8-32		3 26-32
Bengals	4 12-32	4 5-32	4
Khandeish		4 4-32	3 30-32

The movements of cotton to date show the following comparisons with the previous two seasons :—

Receipts.	1900. Bales.	1899. Bales.	1898. Bales.
For the week	26,419	49,972	57,190
From 1st Jan. to 20th Dec.	782,140	2,204,160	1,796,992
Clearances to Great Britain and Continent.			
For the week	9,097	1,602	3,575
From 1st Jan. to 20th Dec.	205,537	495,312	474,434
Clearances to China, Japan, Calcutta, &c.			
For the week	3,925	250	417
From 1st Jan to 27th Dec.	184,645	558,307	450,5.5

The following are to-day's quotations for full-pressed cotton, with the equivalents in sterling, cost and freight to Liverpool via Canal, without commission, viz :—

	Per Candy Rs.	Per lb. C. & F
Bengal, Fine	185	3 33-64d.
,, Do F. G.	175	3 19-32d.
,, Do Good	...	...
Belatee, Fine M. G.	198	4 3-32d.
,, Do F. G. Do.....	194	4d.
Khandesh F. G.	193	3 63-64d
,, Jan	192	4d.
Oomra F. G.....	208	4 9-32d.
,, Jan	205	4 1-1d.
Bhownagar Fine, March-April	219	4 31-64d.
,, Do F. G.....	...	...
,, Do Good, May	196	4 5-32d.
S. G. Dharwar, Good, May	220	4 17-32d.
Westerns, May	210	4 11-32d.
Broach, Fine, March	232	4 25-32d.
Do Good, March.....	220	4 17-32d.

WHEAT AND SEEDS.

The Linseed market at home closed firmer and the price wired by Reuter is 6d. higher than that last quoted—viz 49 1-4. There were sellers for Havre, Antwerp and Dunkirk, April-May shipments.

The wheat market in Bombay firmed up a little during the early part of the week and prices advanced about 2 annas per cwt., but latterly the market has ruled quiet and prices are easier. There has been absolutely nothing doing so far as exporters are concerned, though amongst native merchants some business is reported in forward business. White Delhi closes this evening at Rs. 4-5-6.

LINSEED.—The market has been dull throughout the week, and for old crop, prices rule in favour of buyers, while new Linseed remains unchanged. To-day there was a steadier feeling, but it is doubtfull whether the prices will maintain their present level. We quote Linseed old Rs. 9-12, new Rs. 8-7.

RAPESEED has been quiet with very little fluctuation in prices during the week. To-day's quotations are :—Brown Cawnpore old Rs. 8-4-0, new Rs. 6-5-0, Delhi Rs. 6-3-0, Yellow Cawnpore Rs. 7-0-0, and Yellow Guzerat 7-10-0.

POPPYSEED, old description, has given way about 2 annas during the week, and the rate for new crop has receded an anna. There has been a little buying on account of shippers, but the market is reported dull. To-day's rates are : Poppyseed, old Rs. 8-13 new Rs. 7-11.

In CASTORSEED we have to record a drop of one rupee and a half in old and 4 annas in new arrivals. The market has been dull during the week with very little doing. Castorseed old is quoted to-day at Rs. 37-8 and new Rs. 33-4.

In GINGELLYSEED too the market has ruled in favour of buyers and prices show a decline of from one rupee to 4 annas. Our quotations to-day are :—

Gingellyseed, New, 50 per cent. ...	Rs.	40-8	
,, ,,	75 ,,	.....	,, 41-8
,, ,,	15 ,,	.....	,, 42-8
,, ,,	Red	.....	,, 39-8

The comparative imports of Wheat and Seeds are as under :—

	1900. Qrts.	1899. Qrts.	1898. Qrts.
Wheat for the week.....	33,500	39,905	6,951
Do from 1st Jan. to 20th Dec.	2,855,077	5,079,453	3,853,067
Linseed for the week	5,333	6,981	27,944
Do from 1st Jan. to 20th Dec.	795,065	2,016,517	2,58,.082
Rapeseed for the week.....	2,631	99	12,450
Do from 1st Jan. to 20th Dec.	629,930	1,931,549	2,122,044
Gingellyseed for the week	121,939	138,521	154,322
Do from 1st Jan. to 20th Dec.	1,631,821	1,769,079	2,054,812

The clearances of Wheat and Seeds to Great Britain and Continent are as follows :—

	1900. Qrts.	1899. Qrts.	1898. Qrts.
Wheat for the week	.....	141	.....
Do from 1st Jan. to 20th Dec...	608	2,852,837	5,715,550
Linseed for the week.....	29,083	2 204	2,000
Do from 1st Jan. to 20th Dec....	810,141	2,125,098	2,691,641
Rapeseed for the week	6,819	2,003	2,000
Do from 1st Jan. to 20th Dec ...	1,046,035	1,966,676	2,-68,855
Gingellyseed for the week.....	8,577	108 382	9,459
Do. from 1st Jan. to 20th Dec.	1,482,553	1,443,912	1,721,754

PIECE GOODS AND YARN.

GREY GOODS.—Only a slight increase has taken place in demand for Cawnpore and Delhi markets, but prices do not show any marked improvement. Wider widths of shirtings are somewhat scarce and in good demand at better figures. Stocks are unchanged.

BLEACHED GOODS.—A European firm is reported to have disposed of a large quantity of Nainsooks at a reduced rate. Jacconets of medium makes are more enquired for. Shirtings are in small demand.

DYED PIECE-GOODS AND TURKEY RED GOODS.—There is very little doing in these branches and orders from up-country are disappointing.

TWIST ENGLISH.—There is a weak tendency for English yarns, owing to want of demand from the districts. Prices at home are firm and the disparity between it and values here is so great that no fresh business is practicable. Indian spare yarns are selling much cheaper and this interferes greatly with English-made goods.

IN LOCAL GOODS.—The market is steady and we quote :—

	Net rates per lb. as. cents.		as cents.
T Cloths	7-50	to	8-00
Do	7-25	to	7-75
Long Cloths	7-25	to	8-00
Do	7-25	to	8-00
Domestics	7-00	to	7-50
Do	7-00	to	7-50
Chudders	7-00	to	7-50
Do	7-00	to	7-50
Plain Dhotie	7-50	to	7-75
Do	7-50	to	7-75
Red Bordered Dhoties.....	7-75	to	8-00
Do	7-75	to	8-00
Dhoties with Fancy Borders....	7-75	to	8-25
Sooti-Gray with coloured lines ..	7-75	to	8-25
Checks	8-00	to	10-00
Drills, Grey	7-25	to	7-50
Towells and Napkins (different sizes).....	7-00	to	8-00

LOCAL YARNS.—China buyers are still buying Nos. 16s. and 20s. of well makes in moderation but the tendency of rates is in sellers' favour.

YARN.

Twist.....	No.	6s Mule, As.	4	to 4 7-8	p. lb.
,, ...	,,	8s ,,	,, 4 1-8	,, 5	,,
,, ...	,,	10s ,,	,, 4 1-2	,, 5 1-4	,,
,, ...	,,	12s ,,	,, 4 3-4	,, 5 3-8	,,
,, ...	,,	16s ,,	,, 5 3-8	,, 5 5-8	,,
,, ...	,,	20s ,,	,, 5 1-2	,, 5 7-8	,,
,, ...	,,	24s ,,	,, 5 7-8	,, 6 1-4	,,
,, ...	,,	30s ,,	,, 6 7-8	,, 7 3-8	,,
,, ...	,,	40s ,,	,, 8 1-4	,, 8 7-8	,,

METALS.

In yellow metal there is a fair demand and prices are steadier with about 2 to 4 annas per cent. rise in rates. About 200 bundles have been sold by importers at £63-5 free in harbour. The price at home is £66-10.

COPPER is also somewhat steadier, though the offtake is not equal to that of yellow metal. Importers have sold 100 bundles copper at £81-10 and 50 bundle £82-10. The price at home has eased down a little.

IRON.—There has been more enquiry for all kinds and as stocks are not large prices have stiffened to the extent of Rs. 1 to 2 per candy. The recent decline in Europe has frightened native dealers to such an extent that little fresh business is put through with home markets.

COALS.

The market is very quiet, with little business passing. There are buyers of Cardiff at Rs. 22, but no sellers at this rate, freight being 17 shillings from Home to Bombay. Indian Coal is almost at a standstill, the only business we hear of is about 2,000 tons Deshaghur—January-March at Rs. 15-8. There is little demand from buyers, but sellers are firm in their rates. To-day's quotations are :

	Ready	Forward
Deshagur—Bengal	Rs. 15 1-2	15 1-2
Muir's Navigation	,, 13	13 1-2
Jardine's	,, 13 1-2	14
Singarini (Rail' delivery)	,, 13	13 3-4
Bird's Navigation	,, 13	13 1-2

KEROSINE OIL.

Since our last report, the market for cass oil has been weak, with a declining tendency. There has been no active demand, the sales during the week have amounted to 16,000 cases. There are no fresh arrivals, but the s.s. Hibernia, with 83,000 cases of Ran Beard is due in Harbour in a day or two. In Bulk Oil, the market has also been weak, with no special demand. We have no arrivals to report, but the deliveries have been fair. The price to-day is Rs. 3-10, in new tins of local manufacture. The s.s. Bullmouth with 4,000 tons Bulk Oil for Messrs. W. and A. Graham and Company, from Batoum, via Karachi, arrives to-morrow (Saturday) morning. The current prices are : Snowflake 150° Rs. 10 ; Anchor 125° Rs. 3,13 (transhipment), Rs. 3-14 (local) ; Crown, 125° Rs. 3-13; Ram 125° Rs. 3-12 to Rs. 3-13. There are no stocks of Anchor 150°, Tiger, Elephant, Moon, and Rising Sun 125°.

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	Shares.	Amount.	Paid-up.	Last Half Yearly Divid.	Cash Rate.
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
INDIAN OWNED.					
Bank of Bombay	20,000	500	all	10 p. c. 2 bon.	1265
Bank of Bengal	40,000	00	all	10 pr. ct.	1,275
Bank of Madras	10,000	500	all	10 pr. ct.	1,020
Commer c l	10,000	100	100	nil	65
Bank of India.	15,000		75		
EXCHANGE BANKS.					
Agra	1,00,000	25	all	3 pr. ct.	
Charter Bank...	40,000	£20	£20	10 pr. ct.	£291
Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation	80,000	dol. 125	all	£1-10-0	
National Bank of India l.....	40,000	£25	£12 1-2	8 pr. ct.	
RAILWAY COMPANIES					
G. I. P. R. Consolidated Stock	...	£100	...	...	...
B. B. & C. I. R. Co. New £12 Shares	...	£10	...	...	...
Ahmedabad Prantej Ry....	500	00	...	5 pr. ct.	675
Tapti Valley Ry. Co.....	500	500	...	4 pr. ct.	475

MISCELLANEOUS.

			Half yearly	
Victoria Assurance	1,750	100	100	dv Rs10
Back Bay Baths.....	500	50	50	12
Badhan Flour Mill	5,000	100	100	12 pr

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SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

THE s s Comeric, 2,592 tons, Captain W R Kennedy, will sail to-day for Calcutta in ballast.

THE B I S N Co's s s Okhla, 3,435 tons, Captain Steven, arrived in harbour yesterday from Calcutta via coast ports, with a general cargo and 13 deck passengers.

THE s s Amana, 2,161 tons, Captain F H Carr, arrived in harbour yesterday from New York, via Alexandria, with a cargo of 40,000 cases of kerosine oil for Colombo and general cargo. The vessel is consigned to Messrs W and A Graham and Co.

THE B I S N Co's s s Virawa, 2,158 tons, Captain E McDougall, will sail to-day for Zanzibar, via Karachi with a general cargo and the following passengers:—Mr B M Vakil, Mr J N Gundevia, Mr Lathorpe, and two children, and 4 deck.

THE B I S N Co's s s Kilwa, 993 tons, Captain, T M Whitehead, arrived in harbour on Thursday evening from the Persian Gulf via Karachi with a general cargo, 5 cases of opium, 25 horses, and the following passengers:—Mrs Cowper and 4 children, Miss Cowper, Mr Southan, Professor Shaium, 5 natives and 99 deck passengers.

THE German East Africa Line s s Setos, 1,245 tons, Captain H Carsten, sailed yesterday for Zanzibar, &c, with a general cargo and the following passengers:—Mr R S Reid, Mr C A Reid, Miss J R Wallace, Bai Cooverbai Karanjia, Mr and Mrs M B Dalal, Miss M N Wadia, Mrs Cowasjee M Dalal, 12 others, and 58 deck.

The Austrian Lloyds s. s. Imperatrix, Captain C. Bellen, arrived, from Trieste yesterday with the following passenger:—Mr. S. Toeker, Mr. and Mrs. Ryan, Mr. and Mrs. Richardson, Revd. and Mrs. H. D. Grisvold, 2 children and infant, Miss. E. M. Johnston, Mr. and Mrs. Stokes and 2 children, Dr. Bahadurji, Mr. D. S. Setna, Dr. and Mrs. Wettenberg, Rev. and Mrs. Warth, Revd. Metzler, Revd. Spring, Revd. Vogt, Mr. S. Stelner, Mr Randebrok, Mr. Kaesen, Mr. Laliolette, Mr. Van Rosbrock, Mr. Stass, Revd. Boeres, Revd. Boogard, Revd. Rol, Revd. and Mrs. Lundborg, Miss. Rebecca Liddell, Mr. and Mrs. Muller, friend, 2 children and infant, Revd. Rolia, Rev. St. Ambrogio Taneo, Rev. Soportie, Rev. Olssch, Dr. Gellert, Rev. Lunazzi, Mr. Wutow, Mr. Arulu Bruder, Mr. B. D. Eddy, Consul Prumler, the Hon'ble Mr. Hughes and Mrs. Hughes, Mr. de Cortaal, Mr. Horsulah Pal, Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Antipha, Captain J. Talbot, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Ingram, Mr. Anderson.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.)

STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

PLYMOUTH, DEC 20.

The P. and O. S.N. Co.'s s. s. Arabia arrived here this morning.

The B. I. S. N. Co.'s s. s. Mombassa left here this afternoon.

COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL NEWS.

LONDON, DEC. 20.

The Liverpool Cotton Market closed firm.
Surats quiet,
Good Bhownuggar 4 10-32.
The Manchester Market has been quiet,

2 3-4 per cent. Consols	97 3-16
3 per cent. Rentes	101 1-4ex.
3 1-2 per cent. Sterling Loan	103
3 1-2 per cent. Rupee Papers	64 1-8
Bar Silver	29 1-2

The Bank of England Returns for the week ending yesterday show the following results:—Total Bullion £30,100,000, Decrease £100,000; Public Deposits £7,300,000, Decrease £7,000,000; Other Deposits £38,000,000, Decrease £1,000,000; Other Securities £26,700,000, Increase £1,700,000; Notes and Gold £18,300,000, Decrease £1,300,000. The Bank's Reserve is 40 per cent. of the Liabilities.

(Delayed in transmission.)

VESSELS IN THE HARBOUR.—DECEMBER 21

Vessel.	Ton.	Capt.	Destination.	Date.	Agent
Tenasserim		Greet			Receiving Hulk
Magdala		Greet			Turret-ship
Abyssinia		Greet	Wet Basin		Turret-ship
Fleet					Torpedo Catcher
Assaye		Coates			Torpedo Catcher
Sphinx		Phillips			Royal Navy
Tientsin	2555	Martin		5-12	P & O Co
Forcric	2591	White			M M & Co
Culna	1464	Hill			M M & Co
Barawa	234	Jaffer			M M & Co
Massilia	2093	Lyon			P & O Co
Khandalla	1318	Mesquite			M M & Co
Hernod	830	Odell			Bombay Co
Dragoman	2215	Waters			M M & Co
Sirdar	2 94	Rawlings			Bombay & Co
Nurani	2870	Sandilands			J M & Co
Simla	1040	Baxter	P Gulf		M M & Co
Comeric	2591	Kennedy	P Morrison		and Co
Assyria	1493	Maclean			M M & Co
Loch Tay	3416	Stephen			M M & Co
Ballaarat	2869	Field			P & O Co
Unity	929	Hanson			Bombay Co
Nawab	2041	Crobbin	T Morrison		& Co
Baron Fairlie	2323	Winsom			M M & Co
Kilwa	993	Whitehead			M M & Co
Pachumba	444	Rickford			M M & Co
Caledonia	3529	Gordon			P & O Co

VESSELS IN DOCKS.—DECEMBER 21.

PRINCE'S DOCK.

Shed.	Vessel.	Ton.	Capt.	Destination	Date.	Agent.
A	Dido	3127	Pickering	Antwerp	10-1	F Muir & Co
B	Trieste	3204	Mitis	Trieste	23-12	A L S N Co
C	Nasceri	912	Dowson		8 & 9	P S & Co
K	Warawa	3158	ough	Zanzibar	22-12	M M & Co
F	Gioamino	2248	Learmouth	Antwerp	24-12	W & A G Co
H	J Fuitala	3622	ave	Somaliland		M M & Co
G	Dara	892	Alfredo	Zanzibar		M S & Co
K	Loraldge	1331	Chivees	Madras	24-1	K N & Co
L	Taher	1888	Contes	Calcutta	2-12	H C Joosub
M	Mubaluk	3126	Campbell			M M & Co
P	Ithymie	3165	Bo'lle	Genoa	29-12	K Nixon & Co
Q	Adelina Patti	1989	Sinclair	Marseilles	4-1	M M & Co

ARRIVALS.

Dec.	Vessel.	Commander.	From.
20	Kilwa s	Whitehead	Buscrh Dec 8.
21	Okha a s	Steven	Calcutta
	Imperatrix s	Bellen	Trieste Dec 4.
	Amana s	Carr	Newyork Nov 3.

DEPARTURES.

Dec.	Vessel.	Commander.	Destination.
21	Grosvenor barque s	Brebner	Mauritius.
	Rasmora s	Mc Lennan	Calcutta.
	Setos s	Carsten	Zanzibar.

The following vessels obtained the port clearances yesterday:—
Steamer Virawa, McDougall for Zanzibar
" Comeric, Kennedy for Calcutta

The following vessels entered for loading yesterday:—
Steamer Assyria for Persian Gulf
" Okhala for Calcutta etc,

BOMBAY VOLUNTEER RIFLES.

REGIMENTAL ORDERS BY MAJOR J. POLLEN, COMMANDING, B.V.R,
Bombay, 22nd December.

1. There will be no Commanding Officers parade to-day (Saturday) the 22nd Instant.
2. The Head-Quarters office will be closed, except for urgent work from the 24th December 1900, to the 1st January 1901, both days inclusive, on account of Christmas Holidays.
3. The range at Coorla will be open for Class Firing as well as practice during the Christmas Holidays (25th December 1900 and 1st January 1901, excepted) and the Commanding Officer trusts that as many as possibly can will do their Class Firing during these Holidays.
4. The following number having joined is taken on the strength of the Corps from this date and posted to "E" (Cyclist) Company:—No 4387 Cyclist V, Thornburn.

By Order,
P. H. ROGERS, Captain,
Adjutant, B. V. R.

BOMBAY VOLUNTEER ARTILLERY.

REGIMENTAL ORDERS BY LIEUT.-COL. LOUIS P. RUSSELL, COMMANDING B. V. A.
Bombay, 22nd December.

1. There will be no parade to-day.
2. The Head-quarters Office will be closed from the 22nd December to 2nd January inclusive.
3. The Range at Coorla will be closed from the 24th December to 2nd January inclusive.
4. The date of arrival of Lumden's Horse from South Africa will be notified to members in Bombay as soon as it is known. Further information and detail will be sent to each member as soon as the hour of arrival is known.

By Order,
G. STODDART, Captain. R. A.
Adjutant, B. V. A.

HIGH COURT.—DECEMBER 22.

Before the Hon'ble Mr. JUSTICE B TYABJEE.
For Judgment.

139-00—Payne G S M—Rustomjee Hormusjee vs Hormusjee Cursetjee Nanu and others.
Suits for hearing and final disposal.
Long Causes.

424-00—Daphtary and F—The Hope Mills Ltd vs Jothmul Kanaralal—Payne G S and M—parthiarT

444-00—Mantri and B—Chintamanrao Narayen Gorey vs Rama Rnudhundas Jeejeebhoy—Madhavjee Jeejeebhoy.

156-00—K B Mehta (for pauper)—Waman Bhowanirao vs J L Correia—Roughton and B.

580-00—Hiralal M and M—Dhiranmsey Damodher vs Lakmidas Lindhar and others—Unwalla and P D and D.

608-00—Tyabjee D and Co—Shridham Gopinath and others vs Gordhundas Gocuddas—Bicknell M and M

683-00—Jadhavji V—Rattanji Canjee vs Kursandas Ramdas and others—Little and Co and Payne G S and M.

227-00—Hiralal M and M—Sakri Alias Ratanvahoo vs Shamjee Lilladhur and others—Payne G S and M Bhaishanker and K.

407-00—Wadia and G—Kedarwal Bhuramal vs Joram Ganeshdas and others—Crawford B and Co.

335-00—Captain V—Devoolal widow vs Rukmabai widow—Janardhan and R.

0 5-00—Shamrao M—Mohona Mahndoo and another vs Sukaram Soobnis and another—K B Mehta.
Before the Hon'ble Mr J STICK RUSSELL.

After Chamber Workin 2 p.m.
Suits for hearing and final disposal.
Long Cause.

678-00—Payne G S M—Jamsetjee Nusserwanjee Tata vs Jivan—Manglia and others D D Romer (for pauper—Parthiard.

Before the Hon'ble Mr JUSTICE CROWE.
Suits for hearing and final disposal.
Long Causes.

273-00—Shamrao and M—Purjeevan Narrondas vs E C O'Brien—Smetham B and N Partheard

677-99—Payne G S and M—Anandibai vs Jaitha Ramjee and others—Hiralal M and M.

165-00—In person—Ramchand Bontram and others vs Sowaram Sajiram and others—K B Mehta—and F D and Co.

134-99—Dikshit and D—Dr Ganesh Krishna Gorde vs Ramchandra Vishnu Rangape—K J Mantri.

295-99—Smitham B and N—Sukarain Samirmal vs Nathmal Ramdas and others.

338-00—Khanderao and S—Gurmukhral Ramsahimul and others vs Sunderlal Deskinandan and another—Wadia and G.

37-00—Mantri and B—Hassam Adam Patel and others vs Hirajee Kaloo and others—Payne G S and M.

216-00—Ibrahim Peerbhoy and others—Atmaram Vithaldas Mehta vs Kallidas Vithaldas Mehta and others Edgelow G and W.

462-00—B M Candas—Shavaksha Pestonji Sangana vs Piroy J Fischer—Naun & H.

309-00—Wadia—E G Joseph states All vs Abdo Buck & Comer—Payne G S and M.

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(Compiled for despatch by the Weekly Mail to Europe.)

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DIVINE SERVICE.

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT, 23rd DECEMBER.

SAINT THOMAS' CATHEDRAL.

7-30 a.m.—Matins.
8 a.m.—Holy Communion (Choral).—Merbecke.
Hymns—236, 157, 555, and 537.
5 p.m.—Children's Service.
6 p.m.—Evensong and Sermon by the Lord Bishop of Bombay.
Hymns—49, 51 and 52.
Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis—Chants.
The collections are for the Indo-British Institution.
Daily Matins at 6-45 a.m. and Evensong at 4-45 p.m.
Daily Holy Communion at 7-15 a.m.

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST, COLABA.

(Afghan Memorial Church.)

8 a.m.—Missa Cantata (Merbecke). Hymns—50, 240 and 334.
11 a.m.—Choral, Matins and Sermon (Parade Service).
Hymns—53, 202, and 515.
6 p.m.—Choral, Evensong and Sermon.
Hymns—51, 320 and 49.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, MAZAGON.

6 a.m.—Holy Eucharist.
7 a.m.—Holy Eucharist (Choral).—Preacher, Rev. Father Nicholson.
10 a.m.—Matins.
6 p.m.—Evensong (Choral).—Preacher, Rev. M. H. Noel.
Alms for Choir and Organ.

CHRIST CHURCH, BYCULLA.

7-30 a.m.—Matins.
8 a.m.—Holy Communion.
4-45 p.m.—Sunday School.
6-30 p.m.—Evensong and Sermon.
Monday Christmas Eve.
6 p.m. Choral evensong, sermon and carols.
Tuesday Christmas Day.
6-30 a.m.—Holy Communion (Plain.)
7-15 a.m.—Matins.
8 a.m.—Holy Communion—(Choral.)
6 p.m.—Evensong and Carols.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH,
(Church of Scotland.)

11 a.m.—Joint Service—Paraphrase 2, tune 112.
Hymns—1, 344 and 142.
4-30 p.m.—Sunday School.
6 p.m.—Evening Service, Psalm 63, tune 97.
Hymns—72, 30 and 285.
Anthem 'Arise, Shine'.

XMAS DAY.

11 a.m.—Joint Service—Psalm 100, tune 26.
Hymns—27 and 28. 'Te Deum'—Jackson.
Anthem 'Mow lettest Thou Thy servant.'
Collection for a widow and children, Transvaal.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, PAREL.
(Madras time.)

8 a.m.—Celebration of the Holy Eucharist.
8-30 a.m.—Matins and Litany
Hymns—31 and 32.
5-30 p.m.—Sunday School.
6-30 p.m.—Evensong and Sermon. Hymns—243, 50, 47 and 342.

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, MALABAR HILL,

7-30a.m.—Matins.
8 a.m.—Holy Communion.
6 p.m.—Evensong and Sermon.

WESLEYAN CHURCH.
(Colaba Causeway.)

7-30 a.m.—Parade Service. Preacher, Rev. W. Seed.
6 p.m.—Preacher, Rev. W. Seed.
6-30 p.m.—Sunday School.
8 p.m.—Social Hour.

(Wesleyan Church, Victoria Gardens, Byculla.)

9-30 a.m.—Preacher, Rev. F. R. Atkins.
6 p.m.—Preacher, Rev. F. R. Atkins.

UNITED FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND.
(Esplanade, Bombay.)

4-30 p.m.—Children's Service.
6 p.m.—Evening Service.
Hymns—29, 23, 36, Psalm 100.
11 a.m.—Joint Service in St. Andrew's Church.

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, ESPLANADE.
(Near School of Art.)

8 a.m.—Holy Communion (Choral)—Hymds—157, 311, (pt.i) and 216.
6 p.m.—Evening Prayer and Sermon.—Hymns—49, 51, and 52.

MISSION CHURCH GIRGAUM.

7 a.m.—Holy Communion.
11 a.m.—Morieg Prayer and Sermon by Rev. H. McNeile.
6 p.m.—Evening Prayer and Sermon by Rev. H. McNeile.

ST. NICHOLAS SEAMEN'S CHURCH
Opposite the Main Gate of Prince's Dock.

8 a.m.—Holy Communion.
7 p.m.—Evensong and Sermon.
The north door of the Church is open every day till sunset for private prayer.

THE WEATHER.

OBSERVATIONS TAKEN AT 8 A.M. ON FRIDAY, THE 21ST OF DECEMBER.

SUMMARY.

The pressure changes of the past 24 hours have been very irregular, showing a brisk rise at Agra, Cawnpore, Allahabad, Saugor, Nagpur, Amraoti, Masulipatam and Trichinopoly, and slight changes elsewhere. Readings are highest in the north and lowest in the south. Gradients are moderate to slight.

Winds are very variable in direction and the force has been fresh at Negapatam and moderate to light elsewhere.

The temperature both maximum and minimum is below the mean of the season in several places in Gujarat, Central India, Rajputana, Sind, the Punjab and North-West Provinces, while in the remaining districts it is in slight to large excess. The highest temperature in the shade was 94° at Cochin and the lowest 43° at Lahore.

Humidity changes are unimportant and the skies are more or less cloudy in several places, but show a tendency to clear.

Rain in light showers has fallen at Trichinopoly.

Fine weather with passing clouds prevails generally.

G. L. TOWERS,
Meteorological Reporter for Western India.

METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS.

GOVERNMENT OBSERVATORY, COLABA.

Bombay, 20th December, 1900.

Means of observations taken at 6 a.m., 10 a.m., 2 p.m., 4 p.m., and 10 p.m.

Barometer corrected 32 deg. Fah.	Inches 29·201
Temperature of the Air	degrees 77·1
Wet Bulb Thermometer	69·3
Dew Point	63·9
Relative humidity of Air	0·641
Extent of cloaking sky (the whole sky clouded = 10)	4·8
Maximum temperature of air (read at 8 a.m.) next day	degrees 83·6
Minimum do. do. (read at 8 a.m.)	70·9
General Directions of wind*	N, NNE, NW, NNW, N.
Movement of Wind in 24 hours*	miles 269

* From midnight to midnight.

N. A. F. MOOS,
Director, Government Observatory.

G. I. P RAILWAY.

Open 1,569·36 Miles.

THE following is the statement of traffic, for the week ending 8th December, 1900.

	Coaching Traffic.	Merchandize and Mineral Traffic.	Other Earnings (Estimated.)	Total Earnings.
	Receipts.	Receipts.		
Total—Corresponding week last Year. Open 1,491¼ miles.	Rs. 1,57,193	Rs. 7,79,576	Rs. 7,393	Rs. 9,47,709
	...	...	...	7,62,812

Increase Rs. 1,81,897.

INDIAN MIDLAND RAILWAY.

Week ending 1st December, 1900.

Description.	1900.	1899.	Inc. for the week.	Dec. for the week.	Aggregate Inc.	Aggregate Dec.
Miles Open ...	1,130	1,130	...	...	...	...
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Passengers, Parcels, &c.	45,463	63,454	...	18,991	...	45,237
Goods ...	1,67,280	1,65,261	2,019	...	6,42,687	...
Other earnings ...	4,431	12,612	...	8,181	...	62,261
Total for week	2,16,174	2,41,327	...	25,153	...	...
Aggregate ...	35,69,783	34,69,4	...	...	6,26,129	...

DOMESTIC OCCURRENCES.

[THE CHARGE FOR NOTIFYING A DOMESTIC OCCURRENCE IS TWO RUPEES. THE ANNOUNCEMENT MUST BE AUTHENTICATED.]

OTHER PRESIDENCIES.

BIRTHS.

DALRYMPLE-HAY.—December 15, at Motiharee, the wife of G H Dalrymple-Hay, of a son.
REID.—December 17, at Baracora Tea Estate, the wife of David Reid, of a daughter.

DEATH.

DE DOMBAL.—December 18, at 5, Royd Street, Calcutta, Charles de Dombal, Bengal Office' aged 47 years and 7 months.

NOTICE TO CORRESPONDENTS.

*** All communications intended for publication in our columns should be addressed to the editor and not to any individual member of the staff.

The Bombay Gazette

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 22, 1900.

NOWADAYS when every sentiment noble or base, attributed to the prominent men who fill the public eye, is discussed with a frankness that leaves little unsaid, we can value the reticence with which William Pitt and his friends treated his ineffectual, though very serious, love episode. Lord Rosebery, in the "Liberal Review" for December by piecing together letters that have hitherto not been published with those that had already seen the light, has given us a clearer insight into the reasons for Pitt's prudent retirement from a position with regard to Miss Eden, which threatened not alone his peace of mind but hers. It is delightful in this era of terse outspeaking, and of perhaps too cynical disregard of sentiment in general, to read the circumlocutory phrasing by which Pitt gave the young lady's father to understand that to persevere in his attentions, or to even continue his visits to Lord Auckland's family, was unwise, when he felt that his circumstances forbade his presuming to make Miss Eden an offer of marriage. His visits, he stated, added so much to his unhappiness that it would be best to remit them. It is in vain that Lord Auckland urges that he does not quite see the necessity for this self-sacrifice; his pretty plain intimation that his daughter's heart is touched fails to convert Pitt from his well-weighed resolve to deny himself the pleasures and responsibilities of a marriage with the lady for whom he certainly seemed to entertain affection of the stately sort then in vogue. It was, of course, an age when it was not good form to let oneself go, and certainly the letters that passed between Pitt and his would-be father-in-law are wonderfully restrained and studied in their courtesy. It was, as Lord Rosebery says, "a strange, tender episode—a secret mirage in a long aridity of office."

Pitt's financial position was as bad as it could possibly be. Though Prime Minister of England he saw himself unable to make any provision for his wife, his health was so bad that the probability of his leaving her a widow before many years on the charity of the nation was intolerable to him. It was certainly one of those ironies of life that make the philosopher smile, that a man in what might be called the proudest position in the British Empire of whom his would-be father-in-law begs the Privy Seal, should be unable to command Fate and Finance, so as to provide a settlement for the girl he longed to make his wife. The blend of statesman and capitalist was then apparently unknown. The statesman, as a rule, spent wildly, and had ever an empty purse and the capitalist did not aspire to place Pitt's letter of January 20, 1797, from Downing Street—how many letters on private heart troubles have been dated from that address?—is written in the full consciousness that it is time there should be a declaration one way or the other. The expression of his state of mind is spread over so many sentences that it is difficult to quote a few that define it. He explains that there are several reasons for not visiting Beckenham, Lord Auckland's residence. "The truth is I have really felt it impossible to allow myself to yield to the temptation of returning thither without having (as far as might depend upon me) formed a decision on a point, which I am sensible has remained in suspense too long already. It can hardly, I think, be necessary to say that the time I have passed among your family has led to my forming sentiments of very real attachment towards one whom I need not name. . . Every hour of my acquaintance with the person to whom you will easily conceive I refer has served to augment and confirm that impression; in short has convinced me that whoever may have the good fortune ever to be united with her is destined to more than his share of human happiness." And more in this strain showing that the obstacles to realising his dearest hopes are decisive and insurmountable. It would have been some consolation to him to feel that what he had said was superfluous, and that the idea he had entertained had been confined solely to himself, which plainly enough shows that Miss Eden shared his hopes.

Pitt never said in so many words that there were financial reasons for his decision, though Lord Auckland, who throughout displays less reticence and less delicacy of language, tells him that he regrets that his own position puts it out of his power to remove the difficulties; there were two thousand pounds of a legacy left to Miss Eden, but what he owed to the others made it impossible for him to add much to it. Nevertheless he states that "as to circumstances of fortune, I may be imprudent in the idea, but I cannot think that they ought in such a case to create an hour's interruption in an intercourse essentially sought and loved by us all, still less that they ought to affect the ultimate result, though they may impede it." This was plain-speaking for those, or even later days, but it was all to no purpose. Pitt was inexorable. He, two days later, writes: "The circumstances of every man's private and personal situation can often, on various accounts, be fully known and fairly judged of by no one but himself, even where, as in the present case, others may be equally interested in the result. On the present occasion, I have had too many temptations in the opposite scale to distrust my own decision." And he manfully resisted them. Lord Auckland seems to have sought compensation from Pitt for his withdrawal from the position of aspirant to Miss Eden's hand, and vigorously pressed his demand for the Privy Seal. But Lord Rosebery remarks that "in regard to this strange and ingenious proposal Pitt stood firm. He could not lend himself to a combination by which public office and his private affections were brought into direct relations." What would he have said to the family party Cabinets of later days! Though Pitt does not give Lord Auckland his reasons in detail, it is but too probable that the deplorable condition of his health had much to do with his self-denial. It is pitiful to read Sir W. Farquhar's description of his state of health in 1795 and subsequently. Even then—and that was two years before Pitt decided that he dare not tempt fortune by marrying Miss Eden—the great physician had urged his patient to seek some relaxation from the arduous duties of office, but in vain. He did retire in 1801, but, as he declared good-humouredly, his state of health baffled the art of medicine. He became worse instead of better. The wonder we feel in reading this medical diagnosis, is that Pitt could do any business, public or private. His devotion to his country and his determination to spend himself in ministering to her needs were undoubtedly the chief impulses in his life as is shown by his resolute but pathetic reply to Dr. Farquhar when implored in 1805 to retire from office altogether, "I prefer to die at my post than desert it." That was in the autumn of 1805, and though his physicians fought hard with his disease, he lived only until the 14th January, 1806, dying apparently of low fever, which his constitution was too enfeebled by gout to resist. There can be no doubt that the public misfortunes which he could in no wise prevent and which he faced with outward fortitude really preyed on his mind and weakened his vital powers. If one dared to be sentimental about a Prime Minister, it would be easy to regret that William Pitt lived alone through the last anxious years of his life. From his appreciation, as an admirer, of Miss Eden's fine qualities, it is just possible he might have had happier and less worried hours had he resigned himself to a matrimonial yoke, while Europe was being threatened in every quarter by Napoleon. As the lady subsequently became Lady Buckinghamshire, we may hope that her feelings were not too deeply engaged in the Love Episode of William Pitt.

THE quarterly return of Books printed in the Bombay Presidency, is published in the current number of the *Government Gazette*. It is a business-like document, the credit of which is due to Mr. M. A. Baig. No author is accused of excessive patriotism or disloyalty, though Mr. Shanker S. Deo, the author of "Who are we?" is said to have included in several places in ill-disguised sneers at British administration in India, and here and there remarks of similar purport are to be found in the report. But more than one is condemned as indecent. Mr. Varipal, the author of "Hiralal's Disgrace," affords Mr. Baig an opportunity for some plain-speaking. The story describes the downfall of an earthly poet and is said by Mr. Baig to be "full of voluptuous scenes verging on obscenity." But the author is Zolaesque and when he paints nature is determined that he will reproduce the blemishes as well as the charms of her face. He anticipated such objection, for in the preface he tries to justify their insertion by arguing that it is the duty of a dramatist to be realistica. It would not, however, remarks Mr. Baig, be quite easy to defend the trick of dropping in, here and there, a word or a phrase, which conveys an unhealthy suggestion, but which could as well have been omitted without materially interfering with the sense. Mr. Mahadeo V. Modak's new drama similarly comes under the lash, the work being pronounced full of scenes which are likely to produce a very unhealthy effect upon the morals of the reader. Babu Amritlal in "Tarubala" transgresses on similar lines, his language being in some places disfigured by ill-chosen expressions, though the text of the book is not objectionable. Mr. Vinayakshastri and Mr. B. G. Tilak have published new works, the former indulging in some crude criticism on British Administration in India, while the latter attempts to show that British Administration in India does not in some respects compare favourably with that of the French in Pondicherry. The pungency of Mr. Baig's style of criticism may be gathered from his remarks on "Mr. Maganlal's Teacher." "The book is meant to be a guide for the use of those who wish to pick up a knowledge of the English language for practical purposes. What is intended, however, by the author to guide seems calculated to misguide the reader; the 'idiomatic' sentences in the English are, not infrequently, unidiomatic; and many of the 'model' letters for imitation are precisely the models that should be avoided." The book of the quarter was undoubtedly Mr. Justice Ranade's "Maratha History," wherein the author shows that the rise of the Maratha power was not an outcome of pure accident, not due solely to the genius of Shivaji, but that it was the result of a genuine effort on the part of the

TELEGRAMS.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

THE WAR IN SOUTH AFRICA.

THE INVASION OF CAPE COLONY.

THE WANT OF MOUNTED MEN AT THE CAPE.

MARTIAL LAW AT THE CAPE.

LONDON, Dec. 21.

A mixed force, one thousand strong, left Capetown last evening and proceeded northwards.

The want of drilled mounted troops is being severely felt at the Cape, and those best acquainted with the conditions of the country urge the necessity of despatching to South Africa all the mounted troops which are available and regret this has not already been done. The enormous waste of horses has never been fully appreciated.

A despatch from Reuter, Capetown, dated the 20th inst., says that it is estimated that fully 2,000 Boers have crossed the frontier and there are grave fears that the Dutch will join them and that the rebellion will spread.

[In a letter written previous to the war, a brother of an Orange Free State official states that it was "feared Mr. Chamberlain would cheat the Boers out of a war and the consequent opportunity of annexing Cape Colony and Natal and forming a Republican United States of South Africa. He says that 46, 00 people were pledged to secure the independence of South Africa.]

A despatch from Lord Kitchener, dated Pretoria, 19th inst., says that 500 to 800 Boers crossed the Orange River at Rhenosterhoek and a second band crossed near Sanddrift. The latter have been followed.

Lord Kitchener has despatched a considerable mounted force who are getting round the Boers.

The Boers from Rhenosterhoek are being closely followed and left Venterstaad on the afternoon of the 18th and were going towards Steynsburg.

Owing to the Boer invasion of Cape Colony martial law has been proclaimed in twelve additional districts.

An official memorandum issued by the Government at Capetown says that of the two forces of the invaders one has been diverted from Burghersdorp and is moving on Steynsburg. The other occupied Philipstown on the 19th and cut the line to Houtkraal. On the 20th they captured the garrison at Venterstaad and were repulsed with loss at Hamelfontein near Colesberg.

The British strongly hold the strategic points along the Orange River in rear of the invaders.

The proximity of the Boers has curtailed the sittings of the treason court at Colesberg.

MORE TROOPS FOR THE CAPE.

There is reason to believe at Aldershot that a Cavalry Brigade will be ordered to South Africa probably at the beginning of February.

NEW ZEALAND AND THE WAR.

The New Zealand Cabinet is considering the despatch of a sixth contingent in view of the position in South Africa.

THE SEIZURE OF LOOT AT MARSEILLES.

A semi-official explanation regarding the seizure of loot at Marseilles exculpates the French officers, and declares that the French Government considers it necessary to bring campaigning practices in accordance with justice and humanity.

LAND ASSESSMENT IN INDIA.

A memorial, signed by Sir Richard Garth, formerly Chief Justice of Bengal; Mr. Rogers and Sir John Jardine, of the Bombay Civil Service, and others has been submitted to Lord George Hamilton to-day on the subject of the land assessments in India.

It suggests a limitation of the Government demand from the cultivators and landlords, and that the settlements be for a period of thirty years. It further suggests any enhancements of the Government revenue to be allowed only on reasonable grounds and a limit be placed on the local taxes which should be assessed on the rental.

THE HAY-PAUNCEFOTE TREATY.

The Washington Senate has adopted the Hay-Pauncefote Treaty by 55 to 18 votes with the further amendments.

LADY HOPETOUN.

Lady Hopetoun has arrived at Perth and her health has much improved.

THE VICEROY'S COUNCIL.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, Dec. 21.

At the Viceroy's Council, to-day, Lord Curzon announced that a member to specially represent the mining industry and interests would shortly be added to the Select Committee on the Mining Bill.

In introducing the Forest Bill Mr. Rivaz explained that its main features were to extend to the protected forests, the provisions already applicable to reserved forests, whereby exercise of forest rights by villagers is liable to suspension where fires are caused wilfully, or through gross negligence, also to make the retention of such rights to carry with it the responsibility of turning out of their own accord to help to extinguish fires.

The next meeting will be held on the 4th proximo.

THE FAMINE COMMISSION.

The resolution appointing the Famine Commission, as already announced, is published in the "Gazette of India." The Commission is to make investigations in the various provinces with a view to the final revision of the famine codes, experiences of the past famine being utilised to ensure increased efficiency in economy and uniformity to be attained in dealing with famines hereafter. The matters that are to be investigated include the relief wage test scale, loans, remissions of revenue and provision of medical, administrative and public works establishments. The Native States are not included in the enquiry except so far as they affect British districts in the time of famine owing to emigration from them. The resolution states that the investigation and preparation of programmes of famine works require to be systematised and rendered permanent. For an inquiry into the question of irrigation and water storage against famine, the Government of India propose to make special arrangements through the Public Works Department. The Resolution adds that the Governments of India have already addressed Local Governments and administrations on the subject of incidence and pressure of land assessment in its relation to the well-being of the agricultural population in the different provinces and that this important matter, therefore, is not directly included in the programme of the present Commission, which, however, is given a free hand to go into it where necessary.

A NEW NATIVE REGIMENT.

It is notified that the third new native regiment, the raising of which has been sanctioned, is to consist of the small-sized Jat Sikhs. The battalion will be linked with the 35th and 36th Sikhs.

THE PARSEE HIGH PRIEST.

(FROM A CORRESPONDENT.)

RAJKOT, Dec. 21.

Dastur Kaikhusro Jamaspji, high-priest of the Bombay Parsee Anjuman, arrived here to take part in the Tower of Silence consecration ceremony. The Rajkote Parsee Anjuman, including Sheths Kuverjee Kohlarjee and Rattanshaw Pestonji Damri, received him honorably at the railway station.

"GAZETTE OF INDIA" NOTIFICATIONS.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, Dec. 21.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

Colonel E. B. Bishop is admitted to Colonel's allowance.

Lieutenants Wardell, Alexander, Raven, Beatty, King, Mactier, Brown, Fagan, Pritchard, Ward, Finnis, Nicholson, Rawlins, Lovell, Mackenzie and Swan become Captains to-day.

Conductors J. Kelborn and D. Cavanagh, of Bombay, are pensioned.

Bombay—Assistant Surgeons Viegas and Mercado receive a step, vice Kenlen retired, Walker and Momullen being promoted, vice Dias invalided while Fonseca and Pereira received a step, vice Church retired and Gillespie is promoted, vice D'Silva deceased.

Bombay Volunteer Rifles—Lieutenant-Colonel Bayler receives the rank of Colonel with permission to wear uniform in retirement.

MARINE DEPARTMENT.

Sub-Lieutenants Salmond and Money become Lieutenants with effect from the 1st instant.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

The number of recruits from the Thomason College, Rurki, to be appointed to the Provincial Engineer Establishment, is raised to six and seven in alternate years, thus increasing the total number of Indian appointments of this class to fourteen annually, Rurki in 1,901 supplying six.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT.

The total revenue realised during the last month was half-a-crore larger than in November, 1899.

HOME DEPARTMENT.

Lieutenant-Colonel Nedham becomes Cantonment Magistrate, Neemuch.

Rev. B. Kitchen becomes Chaplain of Jubbulpur.

THE SHADPALI-BALOTRA RAILWAY.

The Shadpali-Balotra Railway opens to-morrow for public traffic.

BOMBAY COMMAND ORDERS.

POONA, Dec. 21.

6th Bombay Cavalry—Major Sherard, Squadron Commander, 5th Bombay Cavalry, is appointed to officiate as Commandant, vice Lieutenant-Colonel Butler proceeded on leave; Captain Cartwright Squadron Commander, to be 2nd-in-Command, vice Lieutenant-Colonel Butler, appointed Commandant, dated the 19th August.

2nd Bombay Grenadiers.—Major Mitchell, 2nd-in-Command, 21st Bombay Infantry, to officiate as Commandant, vice Lieut-Colonel Mackenzie, proceeding on leave.

6th Bombay Cavalry—Captain Hartigan, Squadron Commander, to move up in grade succession, vice Captain Cartwright appointed 2nd-in-Command, dated 19th August; Captain Roome, Squadron Commander, to move up in grade succession, vice Captain Hartigan, and to remain seconded whilst employed as Adjutant and 2nd-in-Command, Zhob Levy Corps, dated 19th August; Lieutenant Alexander, Squadron Commander, to move up in grade succession, vice Captain Roome, dated 19th August; Lieutenant Mathew, Squadron Officer, to be Squadron Commander, vice Lieutenant Alexander, dated 19th August.

16th Bombay Infantry—Lieutenant Robinson, Double Company Commander, 17th Bombay Infantry, is attached for duty for field service, 19th Bombay Infantry; Lieutenant Wadell, Double Company Officer, 3rd Bombay Light Infantry, is attached for duty as a temporary measure.

The undermentioned Warrant Officer is granted leave to proceed out of India, on medical certificate:—Conductor Cloy, Military Works Department, for six months.

The undermentioned Officers and Warrant Officers have been granted leave of absence:—Military Works Services—Major Haig, R.E., from 5th December to 20th January, on medical certificate, in India; Norfolk Regiment, 1st Battalion, Captain Close, for one year, on private affairs, out of India; Royal Irish Regiment, 2nd Battalion Captain Davis, Officiating Aide-de-Camp to the Lieutenant-General, Commanding the Forces, Bombay (since deceased) from 24th October to 23rd November, 1900, on privilege leave, to Bombay.

Extensions of leave have been granted to the following Officers:—19th Bombay Infantry—Lieutenant-Colonel Phillipps, for two months, on medical certificate; 22nd Bombay Infantry—Lieutenant Daunt, for two weeks, to wait the result of an examination in Russian; Indian Subordinate Medical Department, 4th class—Assistant-Surgeon Roberts, for three months, on medical certificate, in India.

Military Works Services,—On return from leave Captain McCormic, R. E., is posted to the Quetta District, Military Works Services; and on arrival in India Captain Hemming, R.E., is posted to the Mhow District.

The undermentioned Officers, on first appointment, have been posted as under:—2nd-Lieutenant Paynter, to the 36th Battery Royal Field Artillery; 2nd-Lieutenant Dickinson, to the 59th Battery Royal Field Artillery; 2nd-Lieutenant Kirkland, to the 16th Battery Royal Field Artillery, 2nd-Lieutenant G. T. Hamilton, to the 35th Battery Royal Field Artillery; 2nd-Lieutenant Parnier, 35th Battery Royal Field Artillery.

The undermentioned Officers have been permitted by the Secretary of State to return to duty:—Lieutenant Butler, 4th Bombay Rifles, and Lieutenant Channy, 24th Bombay Infantry.

The undermentioned Officers are granted leave to proceed out of India, on private affairs, under leave rules for the Staff Corps, specified period to count from the date of being struck off duty:—Major Baddeley, Royal Engineers, Superintendent of Instruction Park, Bombay Sappers and Miners, for one year, pension service, twenty-first year, commenced on 27th July, 1900; Lieutenant Hames, Staff Corps, Double Company Officer, 29th Bombay Infantry, for six month, pension service, third year, commenced 22nd January, 1900.

The undermentioned Officer is granted leave to proceed out of India, on medical certificate, under leave rules for the Staff Corps, leave to have effect in India from the date of being struck off duty till the date of sailing, specified period to count from the date of leaving India:—Lieutenant-Carter, Staff Corps, Double Company Officer, 17th Bombay Infantry, for one year, pension service, fourth year, commenced on 16th May.

PASSENGERS BY THE HOMEWARD MAIL.

THE P. and O. S. N. Co.'s s. s. Caledonia, Captain F. H. Gordon, will sail to-day for London, Brindisi, &c., with English mails and the following passengers:—

FOR ADEN,

Bruce Mr A F
To Mr W
Alexander Mr W
William Mr W H
Jenkins Mr S
Reynolds Mr P
Quinton Sergt. Mrs and infant
Carter Capt G
Davey Lt J
Davey Mr J R
Davey Mr daughter and 2 children
Wilkins Col J S, D S O
Wilkins Mrs and Miss 2
Co. Wilkins Clerk wife and child
Simpson Col C N
Luddington Lt W J C
Coates Capt W H
Bouring Lt V R
Thadanie Mr M T
Grace Capt G H C
Collings Major A W
Baddley Maj C E
Husain Mr S A
Swell Lt Mrs and 5 children
Webster Mr J
Anderson Capt J
Valanger Mr
Rideout, Maj
Gordon Lt
Pollen Dr John
Price Surgeon-Genl W S M
Tulloch Capt J A S
Land Mr
Carruthers Mr
Wilbourne Dr
Gay Mr
Morris Lt J M
Sarel Lt G B M
Mac Nabb Capt A J

ROYAL BOMBAY YACHT CLUB.

ENTRIES FOR THIS AFTERNOON'S SAILING.

'Tomtit' Class Race—Start at 3 p.m.

Boat's name.	Entered by.
Chitha	Capt. G. Lamb, I. M. S
Loma	Surgeon G. R. MacMahon
Titmouse	Mr. H. H. Hopkins

Course No. 15, viz., from Committee Vessel round Tucker Beacon, leaving it to port; round the two Red Channel Buoys, W.N.W. and N. of Butcher Island, respectively leaving both to starboard; round B. W. H. S. Buoy, N. N. E. of Elephanta, leaving it to starboard and finishing between Markboat and Hog Island. Bunder. Length of course 9½ miles.

Yacht's handicap race in creasing trim and with towing dinghies, to sail with h'cap allowances at the start, first yacht going at 3'15

Yacht's name.	Entered by.
Nanta	Mr Graham T M Olver
Melody	Mr. J. B. K. Macbeth
Jess	Mr. James P. Chrystal
Saphire	Mr. E. S. Luard
Chitha	Mr. E. Comer
Stella	Col. H. M. Boyd, I. M. S.

Course No. 16, viz., from Committee Vessel round Butcher Beacon, leaving it to port; round Red Cannel Buoy, N. of Butcher Id., and round B.W.H.S. Buoy, N. N. E. of Elephanta, leaving both to starboard and finishing between Markboat and Hog Id. Bunder. Length of course 10·6 miles.

WOMEN'S INTERESTS.

THE REST CURE.

JENNY LIND.

THE BRONTE SISTERS.

(FROM OUR LADY CORRESPONDENT.)

LONDON, Nov. 30.

THE supply of flowers from the Riviera will continue right up to the month of May, though about the beginning of January Scilly begins to contribute its share. Nowadays, however, Britain is not so wholly dependent on the Continent and on the Scillies for its winter flowers as it was a few years ago. We have all round London and in Sussex and Kent hundreds of acres under glass from which we are now drawing lilies of the valley, hyacinths, azaleas, carnations, hot-house roses, and the like in immense quantities, while of chrysanthemums there is no end. One effect of this supply is that flowers are cheaper. Bunches of lilies of the valley that now sell at 6d. and 1s. each about five years ago would have commanded 6s. and 8s. Year by year not only the quantity, but the range of English-grown flowers procurable at all seasons of the year is extending very rapidly.

Particulars as to the American method of curing nervous disorders by "rest cures," as they are called are given by a morning paper which says:—The name really defines the cure. The treatment is pleasant after the first irksomeness of idleness—which is positively painful to the busy bees of the world—has passed away. One authority thus sums up the method in homely fashion: "Do nothing; don't talk, don't read, don't think, don't care, don't anything," are the orders of the day. All workers and thinkers, all those who are ever cutting fresh notches in the hill of life, know how hard it is to bid rest the convolution of grey matter which we call the brain. With every nerve going on too fast from its previous impetus, wood chopping would be a joy compared to that forced inaction. But the tension eases off gradually, and then a blissful, luxurious sense steals over the patient, and the cure goes smoothly to success. So, at least, say the experts and some of the more easy-going patients.

Mr. George M. Smith has contributed to the December number of the "Cornhill Magazine" another of his interesting papers of reminiscences. It bears the title of "Charlotte Bronte," and is mainly occupied with particulars of the author of "Jane Eyre," her relations with the firm of Smith Elder, and Co., and her friendship with Mr. Smith and the members of his family. It will be remembered that the Bronte sisters originally carried on their correspondence with the Cornhill firm—that is, with Mr. Smith—under the masculine appellation of Messrs. Currer and Actos Bell. Mrs. Gaskell has told how the two sisters took a sudden determination to come up to London from their Yorkshire home in order to prove their separate identity, which had been denied by some American correspondent. Mr. Smith gives the following account of his first interview with Charlotte and her sister:

That particular Saturday morning I was at work in my room, when a clerk reported that two ladies wished to see me. I was very busy, and sent out to ask their names. The clerk returned to say that the ladies declined to give their names, but wished to see me on a private matter. After a moment's hesitation I told him to show them in. I was in the midst of correspondence, and for the moment my thoughts were far away from "Currer Bell" and "Jane Eyre." Two rather quaintly dressed little ladies, pale-faced, and anxious-looking, walked into my room; one of them came forward and presented me with a note addressed in my own handwriting, to "Currer Bell, Esq." I noticed that the letter had been opened, and said with some sharpness, "Where did you get this from?" "From the post office," was the reply: "it was addressed to me." We have both come that you might have ocular proof that there are at least two of us." This then was "Currer Bell" in person. I need hardly say that I was at once keenly interested, not to say excited. Mr. Williams was called down and introduced, and I began to do the honors of attentions to our visitors. I tried to persuade them to come and stay at our house. This they positively declined to do, but they agreed that I should call with my sister and take them to the Opera in the evening.

The details of that visit of the sisters in their unfashionable attire and plain high-necked dresses to the Opera will be remembered by all readers of Mrs. Gaskell's biography. Mr. Smith's impression of his visitors is here recorded:

This is the only occasion on which I saw Anne Bronte. She was a gentle, quiet, rather subdued person, by no means pretty, yet of a pleasing appearance. Her manner was curiously expressive of a wish for protection and encouragement, a kind of constant appeal which invited sympathy.

I must confess that my first impression of Charlotte Bronte's personal appearance was that it was by no means attractive. She was very small, and had a quaint old fashioned look. Her head seemed too large for her body. She has fine eyes, but her face was marred by the shape of the mouth and by the complexion. There was but little feminine charm about her, and of this fact she herself was uneasily and perpetually conscious. It may seem strange that the possession of genius did not lift her above the weakness of an excessive anxiety about her personal appearance. But I believe that she would have given all her genius and her fame to have been beautiful. Perhaps few women ever existed more anxious to be pretty than she, or more angrily conscious of the circumstance that she was not pretty.

How can we prevent depletion of the rural districts? "By teaching our women to be farmers and gardeners," replied Mrs. Chamberlain at the Women's Institute this afternoon. Mrs. Chamberlain thought her own sex, once trained, would revolutionise agriculture. Three or four of them should become expert each in a single branch—one in the dairy, another in poultry, another in beekeeping, and another in flower culture. It was the purpose of the women's Agricultural and Horticultural International Union to provide the training. Then, on a farm of 80 to 100 acres, wonders would be worked. I am afraid Mrs. Chamberlain has not yet mastered all the difficulties of, for example, poultry farming, which will be immensely profitable for a time, especially if women know how to prepare the birds for the table, but may be ruinous in a single season if the "run" becomes "stale," but her idea is already being modestly realised; and as her Union has been in existence for only fifteen months its successes are of more importance than any fears for the future. Nor does she by any means confine her attention to this country. She is hoping to send trained women as dairy farmers, poultry-keepers, bee-mistresses, and gardeners—horticultural and arboricultural—all over the Empire. She has already done something for Canada, Australia, and the Bermudas, and she evidently expects to do a very great deal in South Africa.

From an anecdote recorded in the diaries of the late Lady Martin, it appears that Macready had very strong opinions on the subject of spontaneity in acting, which, since the publication of Diderot's "Paradoxe Sur le Comedien," has occupied so many minds. It relates to the first performance of "The Lady of Lions," in which, as will be remembered, Lady Martin, then Miss Helen Faucit, played the heroine. As I recalled it, Claude (she says) in bitter scorn his glowing description of his palace on the Lake of Como, I broke into a paroxysm of hysterical laughter which came upon me, I suppose, as the natural relief from the intensity of the mingled feelings of anger, scorn, wounded pride, and outraged love, by which I found myself carried away. The effect upon the audience was electrical, because the impulse was genuine. But well do I remember Mr. Macready's remonstrance with me for yielding to it. It was too daring, he said; to have failed in it might have raised the scene (which was true). No one, moreover, should ever, he said, hazard an unrehearsed effect. I could only answer that I could not help it." Further, Lady Martin tells us that, often as she had since played Pauline, never did the scene fail to bring back the same burst of historical emotion.

Sir Theodore Martin also relates a curious story regarding Jenny Lind. Though, in the opinion of her husband, Lady Martin was as unlike as possible to Madame Goldschmidt, she was somehow often mistaken for her by strangers; and one day, in replying to a letter from the famous prima donna, dated March 12, 1887, she took the opportunity of asking whether her correspondent had experienced a like mistake? The question brought the following interesting reply: "I cannot say that I have ever been mistaken for you, but I can quite understand that there is a similarity between to artists who have been taught how to walk, to move, to stand, to sit down, to rise up. Moreover, we have been from our youth, brought up to speak properly, not to swallow down our syllables, etc., etc. All this must make a difference in personal appearance between us and other mortals, particularly the present generation, who to me seem so extremely off-handed and unartistical. We, who feel and understand real art, the meaning of it, must bear a certain resemblance to each other and feel some. It is, however, most kind of you, dear Lady Martin, to have borne so patiently the question put to you, "If you were not Jenny Lind?" I feel we have much in common. Would that we were both in better health. We should then have many interests to bind us together in true friendship."

Miss Fannie Ward has found her lost jewels—or, rather, they were found for her by the Duchess of Manchester's maid. The jewels, which by the way, are worth many times £1,000, the value stated to the police, were handed to Miss Ward by the Duchess of Manchester. The loss of an actress' jewels is frequently pure comedy, but in this instance the matter came close to tragedy and the wreck of reputation, for the Scotland Yard officials had two very smart society women under surveillance, and one blundering detective actually attempted to arrest them on the charge of stealing the gems. Very narrowly indeed was a tremendous society scandal averted. For a week past the public has been informed that Mrs. Joseph Lewis, a famous stage favourite as Miss Fannie Ward had lost her jewels. She was uncertain whether she had dropped the bag containing them or whether it had been stolen. A reward of £200 was offered for their recovery. The police worked diligently on the case, and had all sorts of suspicions, which were all wrong, for Miss Ward lost her jewels and the finder had no intention of keeping them. Miss Ward called upon Mrs. Brown-Potter at her home, No. 16, Blenheim-road, N.W. On her return she missed her jewel-bag, and felt sure that she had dropped it somewhere near Mrs. Potter's house. A great search was made, but no trace of the jewels could be found. A few moments after the departure of Miss Ward the new Duchess of Manchester, with her maid, drove up to the gate. When following her Grace into the house the maid stepped upon something gritty on the walk. She picked it up and, seeing a jewel bag, supposed that it belonged to the Duchess. She did not examine the contents, and as there was considerable excitement indoors said nothing. The excitement was due to the preparations for making the marriage public, and the departure for Tanderagee Castle. In the rush of packing luggage the maid put the jewel bag among her Grace's belongings. The Duke and Duchess discovered the bag at Tanderagee Castle, and upon examining the jewellery discovered from its marking that it belonged to Miss Ward. The Duke of Manchester said he would telegraph to Miss Ward in relation to the find, and inform her that he would bring the jewels with him on his return to England.

He forgot to telegraph, and meanwhile Miss Ward was advertising and the detectives were searching. During the week the gems reposed in the Duchess's jewel-casket, but on return to London on the Friday before sailing for America she informed Miss Ward that she had the valuables. When Miss Ward called the Duke remembered that he had forgotten.

The hand-painted silks, muslins, and gauzes, of which the newest things in evening frocks are being made, are certainly novel. The design of the painting is generally artistic and natural. It is very often done after the dress is made, so that the branching or trailing design may work its way over the seams with unbroken effect—a trail down the left side, a wreath across the train, a spray from shoulder to waist being among the most popular ideas. This has a charm very superior to the effect of a material with a set pattern evenly over the whole. All this one can understand, but the new fashion has had a curious sequel. A few ladies are having their arms and necks painted after they are dressed with a continuation of the floral design on their frocks. The neck and arm painting may assume any form according to the pattern of the frock. As a rule, the shoulder spray creeps with loving cling round the neck, while delicate teadrils twine down the arm and rest gently on the glove. The promoters of the fashion justify it on the ground that it is an artistic following-up of the short, and happily limited, feminine craze for being tattooed with the photographs of favourite generals. They also desire to create a demand for the water-colour artist. We venture to prophesy that this form of "painted lady" will be as rare and have as short an existence as the butterfly of the same name.

Judging by the materials one sees on every side, Society women have decided to cast aside the sombre fashions of the past year, and, going to the other extreme, have determined to clothe themselves in almost Oriental colouring. Children are always worth some study, and no mother need ever be dull with the play of the infant fancy—good and intelligent infants being understood—to keep her occupied. At present the tone of juvenile Britain is distinctly warlike. Our juniors are still "killing Kruger" and batting in the khaki wave. This reflection of our martial ardour no doubt accounts for what a small boy said yesterday. Asked why in his play with his tin soldiers he had placed one figure in front of a castle (the box), he explained that it "was Lord Roberts guarding the Queen." But other countries, other fashions. In Chile, where each citizen has either to join the Militia or become a fireman, the small boy does not play at war, but at fighting the flames. He does not don a military uniform and carry a toy sword, but dresses as a fireman, and directs the hose, not the fight.

CYCLING AT HOME.

LONDON, Nov. 30.

TO-MORROW will see the gates of the National and Stanley shows closed to the public. For a whole week now, cyclists of London and greater Suburbia have put in an appearance at the two exhibitions, more from the motive that as wheelmen it is their duty to attend, than from the object of making their selection for next season's riding. Not so the cycle agents, whose prime object in journeying from the provinces, and even from distant towns in Ireland and Scotland is to transact business for the coming year and making arrangements with makers after obtaining information on the latest improvements in cycle construction; beyond this there is very little banketing and cordiality, save in which the good companionship and courteous hospitality of makers figure prominently.

A visit to the present Shows cannot fail to be struck by the marked falling off in the number of exhibits, the lack of the customary lavishness displayed in the fitting up of the stands, and the rapid inroad that motor exhibits have made into the reduced area proportioned to cycles and cycle accessories. In the case of the National Show this is most marked, the space at the Crystal Palace occupied by the exhibition being considerably curtailed from former years, while practically the whole of that portion known as the North Nave is devoted to motors. The shows on the whole have been as satisfactory to the exhibitors as was expected, though it is generally acknowledged that very few will reap a harvest worth speaking about from the seeds now sown. The tendency is for the trade to fight shy of the exhibition of this description, and it is more than probable that if both shows are held next year, a still further secession of exhibitors will be observed.

There is one advantage in the shows not being so large, which many of the visitors have not failed to realize and that is, the possibility of seeing every item of interest, which previously,—when the stands were dotted here, there and everywhere—proved almost an impossible task. Visitors this year have been able to view without supernuman exertion each and every invention, with the result that they have left satisfied and with a clear knowledge of what was worthy of further consideration.

Anti-vibration frames, free-wheel clutches and various improved form of brakes were some of the leading lines, and when realizing the perfection that an anti-jar and brakes had been brought to by careful observation and study one could not help thinking of the great strides made in this direction during the past two or three years, since the primitive plunger brake was in universal use. With modern high power brakes wheelmen should exercise care in applying the retarding force and not apply the brake so suddenly as to cause the total skidding of the wheels. This is injurious in the highest degree, as it scarifies the tyre cover on the road, and renders the wireless pattern liable to be torn out by the roots. But, of course, with the exception of skidding, modern brakes have no injurious effect on tyres. It was the old fashion spoon brake, not the rim or band brake, which played such havoc with tyres.

Doubtless the mouth of many an English professional racing man will water when he reads of the incomes gained during last season by the best American racing men. Nelson heads the list, with a total of just short of £2,000. Micheal, the Welshman, who has apparently now taken up his permanent residence in the States, stands second with a total of £1,427 while Pierce has made £774. The days in which a professional could touch four figures in this country are gone apparently beyond recall. As a matter of fact, even for the best there is but little in the racing game, a man goes in for paced riding the expenses of obtaining proper machines and proper men to lead him are such as to give a nett result, even on the winning of a big prize, of a small amount only.

At one time cyclists were threatened with the acetylene lamp, but the craze has happily died out. Acetylene illumination is all very well as a searchlight, but a searchlight is not—and it is reasonable to suppose, never will be—wanted on a cycle. The great drawback to acetylene was its dazzling nature. Anyone riding along a dark country road, and meeting a cyclist bearing an acetylene lamp, will experience a momentary blindness, owing to the fierce, strong glare of the light, which directly it passes leaves him for a moment like a blind man. Anyone can foresee the grave accidents which are likely to result in this way. The ordinary oil lamp requires a great deal of pushing. It may not be altogether clean, but it is efficient, and will doubtless remain at the top of the tree in public favour. Signs are not wanting, however, that a form of lamp known as the candle lamp, will come into favour in a large number of machines. The candle lamp has none of the drawbacks which are rightly attributed to acetylene. It is clean, and so far as experience has at present shown, efficient. A spare candle is easily carried in the valise. It does not give such a good light as the oil lamp, but is the ideal lamp for town riding where it is wanted only to indicate the rider's approach,—not to illuminate the road.

It is satisfactory to note that the National Cyclists' Union championship meeting held at Grangetown last season resulted in a profit of no less than £258. Other championship meetings yielded fairly good returns, and the Union is to be congratulated upon being able to now-a-days run cycle race meetings on such satisfactory results. People should bear in mind that the Union does a lot of good work, and of course it is quite impossible for it to do so without proper funds. The more funds they have the more work they are able to perform in the interests of the general body of cyclists. If this consideration were to always weigh with people when N.C.U. championship meetings are held in their districts we should no doubt see even an increase in the yield mentioned above.

Once again a six days' race is to be held in New York, and from present information it appears that England will again be represented. Even of the leading road riders of the year, H Green, is stated to be a probable starter, and it is even stated that he may possibly be a partner with Hale who won the first event, and a ride tandem. If these two men should get up together, England would have a good chance of success, although for a six days' race of this kind, where absolutely no interval is allowed, a tandem would towards the latter stages become a terrible instrument to use, unless the riders were to ride in the most absolute and perfect fashion.

The "Weekly Dispatch" gives the following advice to its cycling readers:—"Do not be persuaded to have tyres that you are told are as good as, and much cheaper than Dunlops. If you do you will rue it. These shoddy tyres will cause endless trouble, and in the end you will be forced to discard them."

REVIEWS.

In spite of the fact that the public has been nauseated by the number of books already written on the War in South Africa, on every one of its different aspects, and by every one who had something—or too often nothing—to say worth hearing, readers will welcome Dr. Conan Doyle's account of The Great Boer War. Perhaps the critic might matter that it would have been more satisfactory from a historical point of view to have waited for the end of the war, and the formal proclamation of a lasting peace before publishing. But as that end seems still some way off, we must accept the book gratefully as an interesting and instructive account of what took place within the ken of this gifted correspondent and accomplished writer. Dr. Conan Doyle besides giving an account of the fighting, offers judgments and criticisms on the various operations in the campaign. With true appreciation of the picturesque, he collected the views of the Boers with whom he came in contact on both political and military questions, the has pre-eminently all the qualifications necessary for writing a stirring monograph of the great South African drama, for he be consulted living documents, convalescent wounded officers and men, he visited the theatre in which the scenes were enacted, he met many of the chief actors, and saw with his own alert eyes something of the actual operations. He certainly succeeds in a very difficult task: he gives in fair detail the earlier scenes of the war, and makes the various slighter actions of its later phases intelligible to the layman, imparting to the whole a vivid interest which makes the book as realistic and entertaining as the writer's novels. Take his description of the arrival of the naval guns at Ladysmith:—

That plume of engine smoke which the watcher had observed in the morning had drawn nearer and nearer, as the heavy train came puffing and creaking up the steep inclines. Then almost before it had drawn up at the Ladysmith siding, there had sprung from it a crowd of merry, bearded fellows, with ready hands and strange sea cries pulling and hauling, with rope and purchase to pull out the long slim guns which they had lashed on the trucks. Singular carriages were there, specially invented by their Captain, Percy Scott, and labouring they worked furiously to get the 12-pounder quick-firers into action. When at last it was done, and the long tubes swept upwards to the angle at which they might hope to reach that monster on the hill at the horizon. Two of them craned their long inquisitive necks up and exchanged repartees with the big Creusot. And so it was that the weary and disputed British troops heard a crash which was louder and sharper than that of their field-guns, and saw far away upon the distant hill a great spurt of smoke and flame to show where the shell had struck. Another and another and another, and then they troubled no more. The monster gun had met its own master and sank into silence, while the somewhat bedraggled field force came trailing back into Ladysmith leaving three hundred of their number behind them.

The disaster at Nicholson's Nek naturally takes much of Dr. Doyle's attention and his final words on the catastrophe are worth quoting:—

Even when the cartridges had been all expended there were some in that force who were ready for the reputation of the British Army, and for the sake of an example of military virtue, to die stolidly where they stood, or to lead the "Baugh-a-ballagh" boys, or the gallant 25th, in one last death-charge with empty rifles against the unseen enemy. They may have been right these mad wags. Leonidas and his three hundred did more for the Spartan cause by their memory than by their living valour. Man passes like the brown leaves, but the tradition of a nation lives on like the oak that sheds them—and the passing of the leaves is nothing to be the source of grief for it. But a counsel of perfection is as easy as a study table. There are other things to be said—the responsibility of officers for the lives of their men as the hope that they may yet be useful in their country. All was weighed, all was thought of, and so at last—it matters not in this place how or by whose hand the white flag went up. Haggard officers cracked their sword-blades, and cursed the day that they had been born. Privates scobbed with their bayonets at the earth-filled sandbags. And all this discipline that ever they had stood, the hardest to many was to conform to all that the cursed flapping handkerchief meant to them. The prisoners in a downcast column, weary, spent and unkempt, filed off to the Boer lager at Waschbank, there to be taken by train for Pretoria. And at Ladysmith a bugler of Fusiliers, his arm bound, the marks of battle on his dress and person, burst in upon the camp with the news that two veteran regiments had covered the flank of White's receding army, but at the cost of their own annihilation."

It was this reverse and others within a fortnight that brought Europe to the conclusion that England had better fling down her arms and agree to let the Transvaal have her own way. Conan Doyle did not despair though he watched and chronicled defeats. The surrender of Cronje and his army at Paardeberg and the description of the march of Roberts and the beleaguering of the Boers is very fine. When Cronje and his men

A pallid ragged crew, emerged from their holes and burrows, and delivered up their rifles. . . . . of the British privates treated their enemies with as large hearted a courtesy as Lord Roberts had shown to their leaders. The same afternoon saw the long column of the prisoners on its way to the Modder River, there to be entrained for Cape Town, the most singular lot of people to be seen at that moment upon earth—ragged, patched, pot-stoups, some with bottles, some with umbrellas, coffee-pots, and Bibles, their favorite baggage. So they passed out of their ten days of glorious history."

The condition of the laager in which these ten days were spent by the Boers is too shocking to read of:—

A visit to the laager showed that the horrible smells which had been carried across to the British lines, and the swollen carcases which had swirled down the muddy river were true portents of its condition, strong nerved men came back white and sick from a contemplation of the place in which women and children had for ten days been living. From end to end it was a pestering mass of corruption, overshadowed by bubble-swarms of flies. Yet the engineer who could face evil sights and nauseous smells was repaid by an inspection of the deep narrow trenches in which a riflemen would crouch with the minimum danger from shells, and the caves in which the non-combatants remained in absolute safety. Something less than two hundred wounded in a donga represented their losses, not only during a bombardment of three days, but also in that Paardeberg engagement which had cost us eleven hundred casualties. No more convincing example could be adduced both of the advantage of the defence over the attack, and of the harmlessness of the fiercest shell fire if those who are exposed to it have space and time to make preparations."

The turn of the tide had come everywhere. And as Conan Doyle asserts

"A single master-hand had in an instant turned England's night to day, and had brought us out of this nightmare of miscalculation and disaster which had weighed so long upon our spirits. His was the master-hand."

But Kitchener, French, Henderson and Richardson get from the writer commendation for their different shares in the change in the fortunes of war on that side of the South African Campaign. At the close of his interesting volume the doctor adds his voice and opinion to those of the legion of advisers whom the War has encouraged to speak. After suggesting serious alterations in the number, the training and the pay of the army proper, he observes:—

"Above all, let the army become a serious profession, let us have done with the 'fuss and the feamers,' the gold lace and the frippery, which were needed to catch the plough-boy, but are repellent to the reasonable man. Let us have done also with the tailoring, the too luxurious habits of the mess, the unnecessary extravagances which make it so hard for a poor man to accept a commission. If only this good came from all our trials and our efforts they would be well worth all that they have cost us."

The Medical Department meets with a judicial support from Dr. Conan Doyle against the grosser charges of negligence and incapacity but he frankly admits the difficulties it had to contend with and the inadequacy of the arrangements made in most places for the speedy relief and comfort of the wounded. Errors there were caused by various causes, Such as an "excessive respect for the feelings of the enemy," not having more men on the spot, a precarious single line of rails, choked with food and remounts imperatively needed for the continuance of the Campaign. The sick men were fast multiplying, enteric was raging, and the wounded came in ever-increasing numbers. What wonder that the organisation broke down? Modern nursing requires many appliances and is lost without them; the patient must suffer, for nature unaided does little on the battle-field. But it is a relief to hear that all was done that could be done under the circumstances. A word of praise must be given to the maps which illustrate the different actions and show the advances of the various generals. They are so clear that there is no difficulty in following the narrative by their help.

THE GOVERNOR'S LEVEE.

THE names of the B. B. and C. I. Railway Volunteer Officers were by inadvertence omitted from the list at the Governor's Levee on Wednesday. The Officers who were present were—Captain Pratt, Captain Fleischer, Lieutenant Nash and Lieutenant Peechy. The Officers who were unavoidably absent, being out of Bombay, were:—Colonel Olivier, Lieut-Colonel Luard, Major Strick, Captains Crommelin, Woolcombe and Tebbs and Lieutenants Guy and Medley. The following gentlemen were also unavoidably prevented from attending:—M

pretty glass table ornaments, electro and nickel-plated ware and a grand display of the much-admired art majolica ware, such as one will seldom see outside Europe. The whole show forms an exhibition which is well worth a visit, it being recognised as the finest exhibition of lamps in India.

SHROFF BROTHERS.

Messrs. Shroff Brothers have imported several novelties this year, making them a special feature of attraction to their constituents. These goods are marked at specially low rates to ensure a quick sale of the very large stock obtained. In leather and plush goods, one finds nothing but the latest productions of Continental houses gaining prize awards. Of toys and dolls, a unique stock has been imported from the leading houses, and they are now displayed at prices to suit every purse. There are numerous varieties to choose from, especially imported for Christmas Tree holders. A Fish Pond is always a great attraction at Shroff Brothers on Christmas Eve, when there is a great crush of patrons.

F. CORNAGLIA.

The successor to Mr. F. Peliti has proved himself capable of sustaining and adding to the reputation that this establishment gained under its late proprietor; and the branch establishment opened in the new building in Rampart Row, and the old one in Meadow Street, bid fair to defy all competitors in the line. Nothing could exceed the care and attention which is bestowed upon the commodities sold in these establishments; and Mr. Cornaglia's stock of Christmas cakes, decorated and undecorated, sweetments, and other good things this year can hardly be surpassed. There are to be seen small cakes and pastries, assorted confectioneries, chocolates fancy and plain, crystallized fruits, mince-meat pies, plum-puddings, French bonbonniers, baskets and boxes filled with choice confectioneries and chocolates, Christmas crackers, and delicacies and fancy goods of all sorts.

THOMSON AND TAYLOR.

Under its present careful and painstaking management, the business of this firm continues to expand and to flourish. The snow for the present season is one calculated to meet the requirements of all-comers. The preparations made by the firm itself are numerous. They also show a number of high-class perfumes from French and English makers. Hair brushes and toilet articles are also exhibited in great variety. The show of patent medicines is large and varied, and the dispensary department is most carefully supervised.

DESTRUCTIVE FIRE NEAR THE CRAWFORD MARKET.

An alarming fire, which at one time threatened to extend to considerable dimensions but which was happily limited in its scope by the promptitude and energy of the fire-brigade, broke out about noon yesterday in Pinjari Lane, a narrow thoroughfare in the Cloth Market, where a number of tailors are generally seen busily engaged in preparing cotton quilts and pillows. The alarm of the fire was first raised at ten minutes past twelve, when volumes of smoke were seen emanating from the upper storey of a house, belonging to one Mahomed Rowji and occupied by a number of cotton beaters. The upper floor of the building was occupied by several tenants, while shops on the ground floor were stored with cotton and other materials, which being highly inflammable, the fire spread with alarming rapidity. A number of European police officers immediately proceeded from the Central Police Office, where the intimation of the outbreak was first received, and when they arrived at the scene, they found the fire had secured a strong hold of the building and the flames were seen curling out of windows and doors. There was a regular panic created amongst the neighbouring shop-keepers, who had begun removing goods from their respective shops to a place of safety. Immense crowds of people collected in the locality and the police at the out-set had a good deal of difficulty in keeping them away from the street. The tramway and other traffic was suspended for a while.

In response to the telephonic messages, the fire-engines from the different parts of the city began arriving. The Fort steamer, under Mr. Ratcliff, was first to appear on the scene, followed by the Colaba, Babulla Tank and Sankli Tank engines. The operations of the fire-brigade, which were under the immediate supervision of Mr. Nichols, were hampered for ten minutes by the insufficient pressure of water in the main. The fire in the meantime continued its destructive work and extended to an adjoining building which contained provisions and supplies belonging to Mr. Dhunjibhoy Cowasjee Umrigar. A row of low-roofed shops, known as "Virjivandas' Chawl," being situated in the direction of the wind, were set on fire by the flames of the burning building, but before considerable damage could be done to these buildings three engines started working and, within ten minutes, got the fire under control. Lines of hose were run up on the adjoining houses and water was poured on the flames with such effect that the fire was completely put out at 1 p. m. The building in which the fire originated and the row of shops opposite were, however, completely gutted. The buildings were insured. The damage to the houses and property has been roughly estimated at Rs. 20,000.

HIGH COURT.—APPELLATE SIDE.

(Before the Hon. Mr. JUSTICE CANDY and the Hon. Mr. JUSTICE WHITWORTH.)

COINS USED FOR WORSHIP.

IMPERATRIX VS. ABDUL GAFURKHAN KARIMKHAN.

This was an application for revision of the order passed by Mr. P. H. Dastur, Presidency Magistrate, on the 26th October last, directing the coins and dies found with the accused to be confiscated and destroyed, he having been convicted and sentenced by the magistrate under section 420 of the Penal Code. Mr. H. C. Coyajee appeared for the applicant. The complainant in the case stated that the accused sold to him five articles of the nature of coins, representing them to be of silver, whereas they were not made of silver. The Magistrate found that the accused was arrested by the police upon the complaint, and that "on his house being searched, some more coins of the same description with dies for making them were discovered in his possession." Upon convicting the accused of the offence of the cheating, the Magistrate ordered the coins and dies to be confiscated and destroyed. Aggrieved by the said order, the accused appealed to the High Court on the ground that the order for the confiscation and destruction of the coins and dies was illegal and beyond the jurisdiction of the lower courts as they were in no way connected with the offence with which the accused was charged.

Mr. Justice Candy, in disposing of the application, said: The dies and the coins, which were not produced by the complainant, clearly belong to the accused. The magistrate was not entitled to order them to be confiscated and destroyed. There is no appearance on the part of Government or the Police Commissioner to support such an order. The coins are not used as current coins, but as the complainant said "for worship." We reverse the magistrate's order and direct the coins and dies to be returned to the applicant.

ALLEGED MURDER AND THEFT.

At the Goculdas Tejpal Hospital, yesterday Mr. P. Byrne, the coroner, concluded the adjourned inquiry regarding the death of Bhagirthi, a Hindu girl, aged seven years, who was alleged to have been poisoned with opium by one Sarjibai, a Hindu woman, on the 8th instant. Dr. Sidney Smith, surgeon to the coroner, who made an autopsy of the body, said that on opening the body he discovered that both the pleura were inflamed. He removed the stomach with its contents—thick red coloured fluid—and spleen and a portion of the liver as well as both the kidneys and sent them in three sealed bottles to the Chemical Analyser to Government for analysis. The witness produced the report from the Chemical Analyser of the result of the analysis, which stated that no poison was found. From the "post-mortem" appearances Dr. Smith was of opinion that death was due to pleurisy with effusion.

Dr. Lafond, House Surgeon to the Goculdas Tejpal Hospital, said that on admission the deceased was slightly drowsy, but quite conscious and complained of a sense of burning in the mouth and throat. The tongue, mouth and throat were all found to be coloured red, swollen and irritable. She became more drowsy, had a severe fit of convulsions and died the same evening. Opium in small quantities affected children very quickly. Contraction of pupils and drowsiness were characteristic of having taken opium. Deceased was conscious up to her death. If the girl had taken a small quantity of opium, some hours previously, it should have been eliminated by the time she was admitted into the hospital. The jury returned a verdict of pleurisy with effusions.

THE CITY MORTALITY.

The Municipal Office returns for the twenty-four hours ending at 6 a.m., yesterday, give the following results:—

Wards	Plague. Attacks.	Deaths.	Deaths from all Causes
A Upper, Middle and Lower Colaba, Fort Northern, Fort Southern and Kapiadeb	1	0	2
B Mandvi, Chakala, Umarkhadi and Dongri	7	3	24
C Market, Dhobi Talao, Fanaswady Bhuleshwar, Khara Talao and Khumbharwada	17	2	29
D Khetwady, Girgaum, Chowpatty, Walkeshwar and Mandaleshwar	0	1	10
E Mazagon, Parwady, Jacob Circle and Nagpada, Ramathipara, Tardeo, Byculla and 1st Nagpada	19	2	22
F Parel, Sewri and Sion	0	1	6
G Mahim and Worli	0	2	4
Water Division	0	0	0
Non-Resident and Unknown	0	0	0
Hospitals	0	2	13
Total	25	13	110
Total plague deaths to date	30,013	66,595	
Same date last year	51	42	231

INDIAN CROP PROSPECTS.

BOMBAY COTTON.

The following is the final Memorandum on the early cotton crop of the Deccan and second memorandum on the late cotton crop of Gujarat, Karnatak and Sind for the season of 1900-1901. Information generally up to 5th December:—

A.—EARLY DISTRICTS.

The appended statement A shows the corrected area figures for the British districts and Native States of the Deccan. The total reported area, 885,000 acres, is about 2½ per cent. below last year's and 23 per cent. under the average. The decrease occurs in Khandesh and Nasik where early rains were deficient and did not allow full sowings. The devotion of part of the usual cotton area to food-grains consequent on last year's scarcity also accounts for some of the decrease. About 88 per cent. of the area is credited to Khandesh, 7·5 per cent. to Ahmednagar, 2·6 per cent. to Nasik and the remaining 2 per cent. is distributed over the rest of the Deccan. The crop promised well at first, but further on it suffered from deficiency of late rains, particularly in the south-east. The estimated outturn comes to 143,000 bales. As compared with the average of the preceding ten years, the figures show a decrease of 18 per cent. in the total yield as against a diminution of 23 per cent. in the total sown area. Khandesh claims about 135 per cent. of the total outturn, Ahmednagar 4½ and Nasik 1½.

Khandesh.—Area 720,000 acres; 23 per cent. below last year's and 24 per cent. under the average. The decrease is general and is due as already reported to scantiness of the early rains. In places the early sown crop failed to germinate and seed had to be re-sown. The crop made good progress under favourable conditions till October, but later on it suffered in places owing to the absence of late rains. On the whole, however, the crop is a good one and is expected to yield fairly well. Owing, however, to large diminution in area the total outturn, 133,000 bales, will fall short of the average by 16 per cent. The crop is ready and picking are in progress in places.

Nasik.—Area 22,100 acres; 41 per cent. below last year's and 47 per cent. below the average. The decrease is attributed partly to deficiency of early sowing rains and partly to the extended cultivation of food-grains consequent on the last year's scarcity. As in Khandesh, the crop suffered through deficiency of late rains and in places partially withered. It is estimated to yield about 2,000 bales or 63 per cent. below the average.

Ahmednagar.—Area 65,600 acres; 1 per cent. over last year's and 21 per cent. over the average. The decrease in places due to dearness of seed and to greater attention paid to food crops was more than made up by increased sowings elsewhere induced by early sowing rains. The crop suffered owing to absence of rain after sowing, particularly that in light soils. The yield is estimated at 6,000 bales or about 7 per cent. under the average.

Sholapur.—Area 6,200 acres; 29 per cent. over the average. Sowings were induced by favourable early rains. The crop, however, withered in most places owing to absence of late rains. The surviving crop is estimated to yield 91 bales or only one-third of the average.

Satara.—Area 4,200 acres; 35 per cent. below the average. The season here was somewhat more favourable than elsewhere in the South Deccan and the yield is estimated at 366 bales or 43 per cent. below the average.

Poona.—Has 1,800 acres. The crop suffered from absence of late rains and is estimated to yield only 27 bales.

Deccan States.—Area 5,200 acres; 21 per cent. below the average. Corp withered in most places from want of rain after sowing. The estimated outturn comes to 101 bales, which is only about 13 per cent. of the average.

B.—LATE DISTRICTS.

The accompanying Statement B gives details for the rest of the Presidency and shows that the cotton area has risen 37 per cent. over last year's area, but is still 32 per cent. below the average of the preceding five years. The decrease is general and is due in the Presidency Proper to deficiency of late rains and devotion of larger areas to food-grain crops. In Sind it is attributed to late and unsteady inundation.

Gujarat.—Area 302,000 acres; 72 per cent. over last year's but 49 per cent. under the average. The increase in Ahmedabad and Broach over last year's area is only apparent as the area under the crop was abnormally low last year. The decrease below the average is due to the late commencements of the rains and the larger cultivation of food-grains. Later rains have been deficient and the crop has suffered considerably, particularly in the north. In the south it is somewhat better and is expected to yield a fair to moderate outturn.

Gujarat States.—Area 1,734,000 acres; about 26 per cent. below the average. Late commencement of rains and the placing of some of the usual cotton area under food-grains account for the decrease. The crop is good in Cutch, but elsewhere it has more or less suffered owing to absence of late rains.

Karnatak.—Area 49,000 acres; 35 per cent. below last year's and 42 per cent. under the average. The decrease is confined to Bijapur and eastern parts of Dharwar and is due to the absence of timely rain. In Bijapur and the eastern parts of Belgaum and Dharwar the crop is withering from want of moisture. Disease has also been reported from one taluka of Belgaum and three of Bijapur. Elsewhere the crop is in fair condition and is expected to yield a moderate outturn.

Karnatak States.—Area 136,000 acres; 9 per cent. below the average. The crop is withering in parts of Miraj, Sangli and Mudhol; elsewhere in fair condition.

Sind.—Area 95,000 acres; 5 per cent. over last year's but 11 per cent. under the average. Hyderabad, the principal cotton growing district in this Province, alone shows a decrease in area owing to late and unsteady inundation. Increase elsewhere is attributed to better water-supply. Crop slightly damaged by worms in two talukas of Hyderabad; elsewhere condition good to fair.

Khairpur.—Has 1,400 acres. Water-supply good. Crop fair.

FROM AN AMERICAN POINT OF VIEW.

We had to put up with the opinions of Julian Ralph on the South African campaign, writes "Commercial Intelligencer." That was bad enough but he now repays our indulgence by holding forth in the pages of the "Boston Herald" on our shortcomings in general. We do nothing right, it appears (perhaps that is why we tolerated American war correspondents), and are greatly in need of a little Yankee leaven. This is what he says:—

Here is the richest city in the world—the largest buyer, the most voracious consumer on earth. It is the most princely patron of all the arts and luxuries as well as the greatest gormandizer of all necessaries. We call it slow and torpid and old-fogey, and so, indeed, it is—the most backward of all the world's capitals. But that is because it is more homogeneous in its population than any other capital.

It has always been the capital of the English—run by the English for the English—run by and for the stay-at-home English, mind you; not the English who are abroad in foreign lands with their wits sharpened, their blood quickened, and their ideas modernised.

What is the moral of all this? It is simply that all the best American products should be introduced and established here under American management. The soil is ripe and rich, the laws governing trade are liberal, the spirit of the people is eager towards whatever has merit, and their temper is friendly to our people.

Establish your businesses in the metropolis of the world—not by means of English agents, whose ways are as the ways of the barnacles on a whale's back, and not with the help of English assistants, whose methods are such as might easily have been dug up out of the earth that encrusts the buried cities of Assyria. Bring bright, quick Americans with you and keep them here at least until the native helper has been trained in their ways, for this native help is trainable as I have proved and seen proved, again and again.

London needs an American express company here. All wooden ware, including furniture, is enormously dear here. The wooden ware is clumsy and out of date, and the furniture is only good in its highest grades. There is no chance to outfit a modest home with artistic machine-made furniture, such as is so beautiful and accessible in America. Hence I am sure offers a splendid reward, if introduced by Americans. There is no native art in the framing and mounting of pictures here, except by a few very high-priced firms, who import materials from America and then fall short in utilizing them tastefully.

But come over with your capital and ideas, and you will see a dozen openings where I have told of one. The Germans cannot capture London (because London hates them), else they would have done it long ago. The Americans can have the best of its trade for the asking. Why don't they do it?

KHAKI AS A LIFE PRESERVER.

In the December "Century," under the title of "With the Peking Relief Column," are printed a correspondent's notes of the fighting in China, by Frederick Palmer. The writer is eloquent on the advantages of khaki as a uniform.

The accuracy of the Chinese rifle fire is amazing. I noticed that the bullets were knocking up the dust in front of our men after they sprang over the mud wall (where the writer was) and charged across the thousand yards between the mud wall and their present position. That is always a proof of good shooting. I suppose that the Welsh Fusiliers must bridge the break in the line where I can see no blue points. They are in full khaki. Our marines and the Ninth—the Ninth, so far as I can learn, is in a cul-de-sac on the other side of the road from the marines—are wearing their blue shirts. (Theoretically, all our regiments in the Philippines are in full khaki. Virtually, none is except those on police duty in the towns. For campaigning, both men and officers prefer the blue woolen shirt, which absorbs perspiration in the daytime and keeps off the chill and the vapors at night.) The British blue-jackets are completely in blue, with white straw hats. The French marine infantry is in blue, with white helmets. The Russians in their white blouses, with the average field as a background, are as distinct as the week's washing on the line. As for the Japanese, the white crowns of their caps make so many bull's-eyes as the little fellows bend to the double in a charge; and the Japs are so cleanly that, unlike the Russians, they never allow their white to be soiled and become "natural khaki." The advance this morning, when every man except the field-officers was a moving target, if viewed by my home staffs, would be sufficient to hasten the adoption of khaki by all the armies of the world. After South Africa, one would expect at least an attempt to discolor white helmets; but every army gets its reforms out of its own experience.

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MILITARY NEWS.

The following officers are permitted to return to India:—Colonel Hailes, Colonel on the Staff, Fyzabad; Lieutenant-Colonels Sparling, Commissariat Department, Foss, Commandant, 26th M. I., Rogers-Harrison, Indian Medical Service; Captain W. E. Smyth, R. E., Executive Engineer, P. W. D.; Lieutenants Scott, Adjutant, 12th Bombay Infantry, and Vaughan, 25th Madras Infantry.

The following remain at home on extended leave:—Colonel White, R. E., Consulting Engineer to Government, for six months; Captain Luard, Medical Officer, 45th Sikhs, for three months Lieutenant Bury, 7th Madras Infantry for two months.

The relief of the 1st Bengal Infantry at Mauritius by the 18th Bengal Infantry is sanctioned.

It has not yet been decided whether the whole of the requirement required for the General Hospitals of 3rd and 4th Divisions of the Field Army shall be provided next year.

A further requisition for 500 tents for South Africa has been received by the Government of India.

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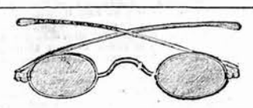

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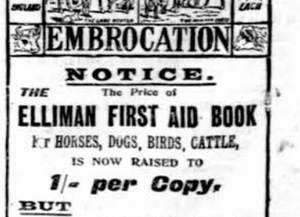

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After five centuries a window is to be dedicated to Gower, who is interred in St. Saviour's. Goldsmith is to have one, and Dr. Johnson. Goldsmith practised physic for some time in Southwark. Dr. Johnson was associated with Southwark as the friend and frequent guest of the Thrales, whose house stood near the site of Shakespeare's play house. It is not long since the Bunyan window was unveiled in St. Saviour's by the Bishop of Rochester. There is a Shakespeare window there, and one to Spenser, and to Beaumont and Fletcher. Philip Massinger is buried in the Church.

Messrs. Hutchinson and Co. are now ready with a new volume, by Monsieur de Saint-Amand's on the Second Empire. The English translations of the author's works, already brought out by Messrs. Hutchinson, have been deservedly popular. M. Saint-Amand's description of the Second Empire is in some parts an interesting study in the world's aspiration towards universal and permanent peace. The greatest of all European Exhibitions is now being "carted away." The first French Exhibition was opened in 1855 at the Champs Elysee, where the new Palace of Art now stands. Napoleon in his speech called it the Temple of Peace—the same name which President Loubet and M. Millerand bestowed upon the Exhibition of 1900. Its section of the "humanitarian arts" was prophetic. Its display of electrical appliances was the first seen in the world.

As the Crimean War was in progress, the cosmopolitan crowd then in Paris found what is called "food for reflection" in the show of ambulance waggons, surgical instruments, hospital equipment, and other devices for mitigating the horrors of war. To English visitors, knowing to what depths of misery the criminal neglect of the War Departments had reduced the British soldiers in the Crimea, the ambulance section was painfully ironical. To the French, whose soldiers were better provided for, it was much less so. Of the building specially set apart for the art of all nations, Theophile Gautier—"this is the first time that the fine art of all peoples have met on the pacific battleground of a Universal Exposition. The grand idea has been possible in our century. Across the fictitious frontiers the nations chat familiarly with each other." A good many frontiers have been rectified, scientifically and otherwise, since then. The new volume brings the narrative down to the period following the Italian war, when Napoleon III.'s power reached its zenith.

Among European authors the French and Germans appear to be the only ones who have a good word to say for the natives of the Philippine Islands. Dr. Montano and Herr Blumentritt appear to represent Continental opinion. The American estimate may readily be guessed. Among English writers Mr. Frederic H. Sawyer expresses a high opinion of the Filipino character. He assures us that the Tagals—to take one of the Filipino races—are fairer fighters than the Boers. The Tagals have treated the prisoners of war both Spaniards and Americans with humanity. In the four years that have passed since the outbreak of the insurrection no instances of murders, or of conspiracies to murder appear to have been produced against the Filipino fighters. Mr Sawyer, who, as a civil engineer, has had a great many years experience in travelling through the Philipines has had exceptional opportunities of observing the native life and character. Though he stands up for the Filipino reputation he does not advise the Americans to withdraw from the islands. He draws up a plan of reconciling American supremecy with native autonomy and recommends it to Mr. McKinley's consideration. It will be found in his book The Inhabitants of the Philippines just announced by. Messrs Sampson Low and Co.

The revival of Weber's Euryanthe by the Royal College students at Daly's Theatre will greatly interest operatic amateurs, for few of the present generation can ever have seen the work in England, and there is very little probability that it will again be mounted on the regular operatic stage. To present-day operagoers with its square-cut recitatives and its melodious duets and so on it will seem old-fashioned though doubtless agreeable enough. It is the fact mainly owing to its ridiculous libret that it has failed to keep the stage here although it is still occasionally performed in Germany. Even Weber himself recognised its faults, and according to Sir Julius Benedict who who then resided with the composer, the relations between the musician and Frau von Chezy the crazy librettist were often very strained. Still a good deal of the music is charming and one scene at any rate anticipates Wagner.

The libretto, borrowed partly from the tale of Boccaccio on which "Cymbeline" is based, is avowedly derived from the old French legend, "The History of Gerard de Nevers, and of the beautiful and virtuous Euryanthe, his lady love." There is a mysterious Emma, of whom, like an operatic Mrs. Harris, we hear a great deal, though she is never seen. She, in fact, is dead, a victim to love, and she has left behind her a ring, of which the good knight Adolar and his beloved Euryanthe alone know the secret. The audience certainly do not. Then we have a suggestion of "Cymbeline." The wicked Lysiart bets Adolar all his lands that he will gain the love of Euryanthe. His sweetheart, Eglantine, steals the ring, Lysiart's possession of which is deemed conclusive of Euryanthe's guilt. So Adolar, to punish her, takes her into a damp and dismal forest, where, after a terrific fight with a green-eyed serpent (a foretaste of "Das Rheingold" here), he leaves her. A little later he learns the truth: but Euryanthe is now dead (or seems to be), although (to the keen delight of the ghost of the mysterious Emma) she obligingly comes to life again, in order to take part in the final love duet. The overture announces the leading motives of the opera, and in the midst of it Weber originally intended the curtain should be raised for a tableau vivant, depicting "the ghostly apparition of Adolar's ancestors. Sir Julius Benedict says the plan was unfortunately not carried out. The present generation will probably think it lucky it was not.

According to Mr. Spark, the popular hon. secretary of the Festival, "The Beauty Stone," which was the least successful of the Savoy operas, was originally intended for a Leeds Festival cantata. It is difficult to comprehend how it could have been utilised for such a purpose. Mr. Sparks likewise understands that Sir Arthur had almost completed another cantata for Leeds. Every one will hope that this is the case. Moreover, in a glimpse behind the scenes Mr Shark discloses a highly interesting fact. At the last festival Sullivan was in indifferent health, and in view of the risk of his breaking down an arrangement was made with Dr. Stanford and Dr. Cowen to take his place in case of need. Possibly coming events may thus have cast their shadow before.

A good story is going the rounds concerning a popular prima donna, who wrote for rooms at an American hotel. The manager refused to receive her as guest, unless see gave her word of honour that no burglars should break into her rooms, and that her lady's maid should not leap from the fifth floor with £50,000 worth of jewels in a handbag. These things, the manager said, did harm to his hotel. But he had not the slightest objection to the prima donna meeting with a carriage accident, if she desired to do so.

Messrs. Constable and Co. will have ready very shortly an interesting book by Mr. Stadling entitled Through Siberia. The author deals with the ethnology of the country some parts of which in the far north he has been the first to explore. He also tells us many things about the Nature worship which still survives in many regions of Siberia. The work will contain numerous illustrations.

Mr. R. W. Frazer's Literary of History India, and Dr. Douglas Hyde's, Literary History of Ireland are now followed by Professor Barrett Wendell's Literary History of America published as the former volumes are by Mr. Unwin. The author endeavours to explain the divergencies of American from English modes of thought and character, and how these are represented in the literature of the new world. His book contains special chapters on Jonathan Edwards, Benjamin Franklin, and the American Revolution. In the account of nine teenth century literature there are special chapters on Bryant Poe Walt Whitman, Lowell, Longfellow, Emerson, Whittier, Brocakden Brown, Irving, and Cooper.

Mr. C. S. Fearenside, writing in the School World, says some very sensible things on the historical novel. He is not one of the sneerers at that form of literary composition. He knows very well that a masterpiece of historical "fiction" is truer to the life and character of the times the author depicts than are all the "Standard Histories." Shakespeare is not a bad professor of history, as some famous folk long ago discovered. In what "standard" history or collection of histories can you find a more real picture of mediæval life than Charles Reade paints in The Cloister and the Hearth? It is not the literary form that is at fault, but the incompetence of nine in ten authors who attempt it. Mr. Fearenside would like to make use of historical novels in the education of youth. Most people of sense will agree with him.

Messrs. Clay and Sons of the Cambridge University Press, are about to issue an important work by Dr. Bourinot on Canada under British rule. A well-known author of books on Canadian history, Sir J. G. Bourinot brings his present work down to the close on the nineteenth century. It begins with the period immediately following the capture of Quebec. Messrs. Clay will also have ready for publication very shortly Dr. Garnett's "Wessex" Gibbon in its Economic Aspects and a book on the French Monarch from 1483 to 1789 by Mr. A. J. Grant Professor of History in Leed College.

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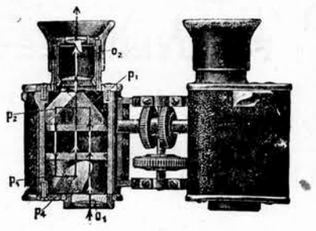

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